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ACCORDING to The Laws of Association Football it is in order for a player to charge a goalkeeper fairly — this being defined as a shoulder charge whilst the goalkeeper is in possession of the ball, without using the arms as a means of pushing or in a manner which is violent or dangerous. Thus, in Britain, a goal can be scored by forcing a goalkeeper who has possession of the ball over the goal-line.

Outside Britain the practice concerning goalkeepers is quite different, for by mutual consent, players are not allowed to charge the goalkeeper or dispossess him of the ball under any circumstances.

This conflicting interpretation of an important rule of the game continues to confuse teams visiting Britain and, similarly, British teams in their games abroad.

The most recent example occurred during the England - Italy Under 23 International at Newcastle, when Joe Baker bundled Anzolin into his goal. Belgium referee, Mr. Van Nussel, rightly awarded England a goal, but in so doing sparked off resentment and bad feeling in the Italian team, a mood which unfortunately persisted throughout the remainder of the game. Understandably the Italians couldn't stomach accepting a goal which would have been immediately disallowed if the game had been played in their own country.

And, as always, when there is bad feeling, the standard of play fell right below expectations.

This prompts us to seriously suggest that, in the common interest of all true soccer lovers, the time has come when British soccer administrators should seriously consider revising their rules concerning charging goalkeepers.

We believe that the goalkeeper in possession should be immune from any form of attack from the opposition. Furthermore, although it is apparent to us that every spectator wants to see many goals scored, we feel sure that in all parts of the world they would prefer a more subtle, craftsmanlike approach to the existing rather crude, brute-force method of attack on goalkeepers still condoned in Britain.

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(Reims, France)

This month's front cover . . .

Mike Grice, West Ham United (England First Division) right winger, is shown attempting to reach an elusive ball that Aston Villa goalkeeper Nigel Sims seems just as keen to snatch. Grice who joined the Hammers from Colchester United has been the regular choice for some seasons while Sims developed with Wolves and moved to Villa Park a little before Grice came to Upton Park some four and a half years ago.

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Coming next month

Probably the most brilliant inside forward in the world to-day is 20 year-old Pele of Brazil. With characteristic confidence he is pictured in our next month's cover about to outwit a Racing Club de Paris defender in a match with Pele's club, Santos, during their summer tour in Europe. Other features of our January issue will include a comprehensive, illustrated survey on Russia by Eric Batty and a focus on Holland. Also many other features concerning soccer throughout the world. Be wise, place a regular order for WORLD SOCCER today.

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FRANCE CANNOT

INTERNATIONAL POST-MORTEM by ERIC BATTY

Lord Wakehurst (below) meets Giesemann West German wing-half, with three of his team mates looking on prior to the West Germany v. Northern Ireland World Cup preliminary tie in Belfast.

THE standing of French football has been on the downgrade during the past few months, and though they did manage a somewhat fortunate 2-1 win over Finland, a few weeks ago, their defeats at the end of October have done nothing to reinforce the morale of their players and public.

The slump started back in July, when, as hosts for the final rounds of the European Nations' Cup, they were beaten by both Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia, and perhaps even more important played rather badly, into the bargain. Since then lacking the services of their two star forwards Raymond Kopa and Just Fontaine, they have switched their team in every possible way in an attempt to stop the slide — but all to no avail.

The trip to Basle was particularly unsuccessful for in losing 2-6 they suffered their biggest reverse in more than twenty years. The last time they conceded six goals in a match was against Holland, who beat them 6-1 back in 1936, and on present form they can hardly expect to qualify for the 1962 World Cup. Their next outing, against Bulgaria at the Parc des Princes in Paris, will be a big test, for Kolev, Yakimov, Rakarov & Co. are in fine form, and will be eager to make sure of their trip to Chile.

If the French are dejected, the Swiss must be delighted at the progress made

The leading six teams in some of the world's top footballing

ARGENTINA

	Pld.	Pts.
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Independiente	22	29
Racing B.A.	22	28
Boca Juniors	22	27
River Plate	22	24
San Lorenzo	22	23

AUSTRIA

	Pld.	Pts.
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Wiener AC	9	13
Grazer AK	9	13
SC Rapid	9	13
Schwechat	9	12
1st Vienna	9	9

BELGIUM

	Pld.	Pts.
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FC Liege	7	10
Daring CB	7	10
Eend. Alost	7	9
SC Anderlecht	7	8
Union St. Gilloise	7	8

BRAZIL (Sao Paulo)

	Pld.	Pts.
Corinthians	22	35
Santos	22	34
Palmeiras	22	34
Portuguesa	22	32
Guarami	22	31
Ferroviaria	22	30

BRAZIL (Rio de Janeiro)

	Pld.	Pts.
Fluminense	16	24
America	16	22
Botafogo	16	19
Flamengo	16	18
Vasco da Gama	16	18
Canto do Rio	16	8

BULGARIA

	Pld.	Pts.
Levski	9	12
CDNA	9	11
Mineur	9	11
Slavia	9	11
Cernomore	9	9
Spartak Varna	9	9

CHILE

	Pld.	Pts.
Universidad Chile	14	24
Colo Colo	14	22
Everton	14	21
Universidad Catolica	14	19
Santiago M.	14	19
Palestino	14	19

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

	Pld.	Pts.
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Dukla Prague	9	13
Spartak Trnava	9	11
SONP Kladno	9	10
Slovan Bratislava	9	9
Spartak Stalingrad	9	9

ENGLISH FIRST

	Pld.	Pts.
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Sheff. Wed.	14	23
Everton	15	22
Burnley	15	20
Wolves	15	20
Man. City	14	18

FRANCE

	Pld.	Pts.
Racing Paris	11	20
Reims	11	17
AS Monaco	12	17
Rennes	12	15
Ol. Nimes	12	14
Lens	11	13

WEST GERMANY South

	Pld.	Pts.
1st FC Nurnberg	10	18
Kickers Offenbach	11	16
Karlsruher SC	11	15
Eintracht Frankfurt	10	13
VfR Mannheim	11	13
Bayern Munchen	11	12

WEST GERMANY South West

	Pld.	Pts.
FK Pirmasens	11	16
1st FC Saarbrucken	10	15
Bor. Neuenkirchen	10	13
Spfr. Saarbrucken	10	13
Saar 05	10	11
FSV Mainz	11	11

WEST GERMANY West

	Pld.	Pts.
1st FC Koln	11	16
Borussia Dortmund	11	15
Alemannia Aachen	11	13
Westfalia Herne	11	13
Rot Weiss Oberhausen	11	13
SV Sodingen	11	12

WEST GERMANY North

	Pld.	Pts.
Hamburger SV	11	21
Hannover 96	10	16
Werder Bremen	11	15
FC St. Pauli	11	14
VfL Osnabruck	11	13
VfB Oldenburg	11	13

GREECE

	Pld.	Pts.
Olympiakos	7	20
Panathinaikos	7	18
Apollon	7	16
PAOK	7	15
Paniamos	7	15
Iraklis	7	14

HOLLAND

	Pld.	Pts.
Fejenoord	8	14
Groningen VAV	8	11
PSV Eindhoven	8	11
Ajax Amsterdam	8	11
VV Venlo	8	10
Sparta	8	10

SHAKE THEIR POOR FORM

by their national team since the ex-Austrian international Karl Rappan was recalled into service as team manager. Last season they suffered four consecutive defeats against West Germany, Hungary, Italy and Belgium and conceded 17 goals in the process without being able to muster even a solitary goal in reply.

The 6-2 victory over France gave the Swiss a new run of three successive wins and surely vindicated Mr. Rappan's policy of recalling the old hands. One of this school, Josef Hugi, centre forward of Basle FC notched a personal best by scoring five times against France, and earned himself a permanent place in the record books.

To score five times in an international is no mean achievement but it is not quite so rare as many readers will imagine. The last to achieve this feat was, by coincidence a Frenchman, Thadee Cisowski who got five in a 6-3 win for France against Belgium in 1956.

Several players who would rank as all time "greats" have done equally well, Puskas, Bloomer, Willie Hall, Gallacher, Probst and Schiaffino among them, but pride of place in this field must be given to the German centre forward Fuchs, who helped himself to 10 goals against Russia in the Stockholm Olympics of 1912.

The following list is certainly incomplete but will serve to show that five in an international is no rarity.

Player	Country	Goals	Opponents	Result	Date
Fuchs	Germany	10	Russia	16-0	1912
Nielsen (S.)	Denmark	7	France	17-1	1908
Jordan	England	6	France	12-0	1908
Woodward	England	6	Holland	9-1	1909
Hannemann	Germany	6	Finland	13-0	1940
Schang Kun Ping	Korea	6	Thailand	8-2	1954
Backhuys	Holland	5	Belgium	9-3	1934
Langara	Spain	5	Portugal	9-0	1934
Schiaffino	Uruguay	5	Bolivia	8-0	1950
Puskas	Hungary	5	Albania	12-0	1950
Probst	Austria	5	Portugal	9-1	1953

The Spaniards against England, probably made a mistake in fielding Di Stefano. After five weeks of inactivity due to sciatica, he had not quite begun to recover his best form. They lost 2-4 and, again 0-3 in Vienna against Austria.

THE MONTH'S INTERNATIONALS

SEPTEMBER 28

Poland (1) **2** (Norkowski, Faber)
France (0) **2** (Guillas, Wisnieski)

Poland: Foltyn; Szczepanski, Monica; Grzegorczyk, Kawula, Zientara; Gedecky, Brychczy, Norkowski, Pohl, Faber.

France: Taillandier; Wendling, Rodzik; Biancheri, Tylinski (R.), Ferrier; Goujon, Ujlaki, Wisnieski, Guillas, Vincent.

Eire (1) **2** (Fagan 2)
Wales (1) **3** (Jones 2, Woosnam)

Eire: Dwyer; Kelly, O'Neill; McGrath, Hurley, Saward; Fagan, Giles, Fitzgerald, Peyton, Haverty.

Wales: Vearncombe; Williams (S.), Williams (G.); Crowe, Nurse, Baker; Medwin, Woosnam, Moore, Vernon, Jones.

OCTOBER 2

Belgium (0) **1** (Wegria)
Holland (1) **4** (Groot (H.) 2, Van der Kuil, Saeys (O.G.)

Belgium: Seghers; Verbiest, Raskin; Mees, Saeys, Jurion; Piters, Lippens, Wegria, Bertels, Letawe.

Holland: Graafland; Wiersma, Kuys; Muller, Van der Hart, Klaassens; Van der Kuil, Groot (H.), Kruiver, Van der Gijp, Moulijn.

Luxembourg (1) **2** (Cirelli, Letsch)
Belgium "B" (2) **4** (Ritzen 2, Delire, Stockman)

Luxembourg: Stendebach; Brenner, Luzzi; Jann, Brosius, Konter; Schmit, Cirelli, May, Kunnert, Letsch.

Belgium "B": Cooremans; Van Mol, Defraigne; Hanon, Spronck, Janssens; Crote, Delire, Ritzen, Stockman, Moysen.

OCTOBER 5

Scottish League (3) **5** (Herd 3, Penman, Gilzean)
League of Ireland (0) **1** (Leahy)

Scottish League: Leslie (Airdrie); Richmond (Kilmarnock), Caldow (Rangers); Crerand (Celtic), Toner (Kilmarnock), McCann (Motherwell); Penman (Dundee), Herd (Clyde), Gilzean (Dundee), Hunter (Motherwell), Wilson (Rangers).

League of Ireland: D'Arcy (Shamrock R.); Fullam (Drumcondra), O'Brien (Shelbourne); Nolan, Farrall (Shamrock R.), Morley (Cork Hibernian); Coleman (Dundalk), Hamilton (Shamrock R.), Leahy (Cork Celtic), Hennessy (Shelbourne), Tully (Cork Hibernian).

OCTOBER 8

Ireland (1) **2** (McAdams 2)
England (2) **5** (Greaves 2, Smith, Douglas, Charlton)

Ireland: Gregg; Keith, Elder; Blanchflower, Forde, Peacock; Bingham, McIlroy, McAdams, Dougan, McParland.

England: Springett; Armfield, McNeil; Robson, Swan, Flowers; Douglas, Greaves, Smith, Haynes, Charlton.

OCTOBER 9

Hungary (1) **1** (Goroes)
Yugoslavia (0) **1** (Kostic)

Hungary: Torok; Rajna, Novak; Burdzsak, Sipos, Berendi; Sandor, Goroes, Albert, Kucharsky, Fenyvesi.

Yugoslavia: Vidinic; Tomic, Jusufi; Miladinovic, Zebec, Perusic; Knez, Veselinovic, Matus, Galic, Kostic.

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HUNGARY

	Pld.	Pts.
Ujpest Dozsa	8	13
Ferencvaros	8	12
MTK	8	12
Salgotarjan	8	11
Vasas	8	11
Szaged	8	11

ITALY

	Pld.	Pts.
Internazionale	5	9
AS Roma	5	8
Juventus	5	8
Napoli	5	8
Fiorentina	5	7
Sampdoria	5	7

LUXEMBOURG

	Pld.	Pts.
Jeunesse Esch	9	14
Grevenmacher	9	14
Union	8	12
Spora	9	12
Red Boys	9	10
Fola Esch	9	9

PORTUGAL

	Pld.	Pts.
Benfica	6	11
Porto	6	11
Sporting Covilha	6	8
Belenenses	6	8
Vitoria Guimaraes	6	8
Sporting Lisbon	6	7

POLAND (Final)

	Pld.	Pts.
Ruch Chorzow	22	30
Legia Warsaw	22	29
Gornik Zabrze	22	28
Odra Opole	22	27
Polonia Bydgoszcz	22	22
Polonia Bytom	22	21

SPAIN

	Pld.	Pts.
Real Madrid	7	11
CF Barcelona	7	10
Atletico Madrid	7	10
Espanol	7	8
Valencia	7	8
Sevilla	7	8

SWITZERLAND

	Pld.	Pts.
Zurich FC	10	15
Servette	9	14
FC Basle	10	14
Young Boys	10	13
Chaux de Fonds	10	13
Lucerne	10	11

SCOTTISH FIRST

	Pld.	Pts.
Rangers	8	14
Dundee Utd.	9	11
Aberdeen	8	11
Dundee	9	11
Airdrieonians	9	11
Celtic	9	10

IRISH CITY CUP

	Pld.	Pts.
Glenavon	7	11
Glentoran	7	11
B'mena Utd.	7	9
Portadown	7	9
Crusaders	7	8
Bangor	7	6

EAST GERMANY

	Pld.	Pts.
ASK Vorw. Ber	20	32
SC Wismut	20	26
Motor Zwickau	18	25
SC Lok Liepzig	19	24
SC Aufbau Mag	20	23
SC Empor Ros.	20	22

URUGUAY

	Pld.	Pts.
Penarol	7	12
Cerro	7	12
Wanderers	7	8
Nacional	7	9
South America	7	8
Fenix	7	7

YUGOSLAVIA

	Pld.	Pts.
Partizan	6	9
Dynamo Zagreb	6	9
Belgrader SK	6	8
Red Star	6	8
Rijeka	6	8
Hajduk	6	6

—CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The Month's Internationals

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OCTOBER 12

Football League (2) **5** (Blanchflower, Connelly, Law 2, McIlroy)
Irish League (1) **2** (Coyle 2)

Football Leagues: Trautmann (Man. City); Angus (Burnley), Armfield (Blackpool); Blanchflower (Spurs), Adamson (Burnley), Mackay; Jones, White (Spurs), Law (Man. City), McIlroy, Connelly (Burnley).
Irish League: McClelland (Glenavon); Gilliland (Linfield), Clarke (Glenavon); Forde (Ards), Twentyman (Ballymena), Gough; Stewart (Linfield, Bruce (Glentoran), Milburn (Linfield), Coyle (Coleraine), Braithwaite (Linfield).

Switzerland (2) **6** (Hugi II 5, Weber)
France (1) **2** (Goujon 2)
Switzerland: Elsener; Kerner, Schneiter; Grobety, Meier, Weber; Antenen, Vonlanthen, Hugi II, Alleman, Ballaman.
France: Colonna; Wendling, Peyroche; Marcel, Tylinski (R.), Ferrier; Stopyra, Ujlaki, Wisnieski, Goujon, Vincent.

Spain "B" (3) **4** (Mateos 3, Pepillo)
Morocco (0) **3** (Akesbi 2, Mehdi)
Spain "B": Pesudo; Mestre, Dauder; Ruiz Sosa, Bartoli, Sastre; Herrera (then Vazquez), Mateos (Dominguez), Pepillo, Pereda, Camps.
Morocco: Labied; Larbi (Alaoui), Bettache; Amido (Cenaya), Tibari, Chicha I; Belja (Abdellah), Chicha II, Akesbi, Azhar, Mehdi (Baba).

Holland Under 23 (4) **4** (Bouwmeester 2, Borgholtz, Swart)
France Under 23 (0) **1** (Coincon)
Holland U.23: Hoogerman; De Groot, Veldhoen; Borghuis, Pronk, Bugerhof; Swart, Lens, Goesgens, Bouwmeester, Bergholtz.
France U.23: Samoy; Jacob, Garnier; Arteleso, Scheid, Leonetti; Dubaele, Lickel, Salem, Stievenard, Coincon.

OCTOBER 19

World Cup Match

Luxembourg (0) **0**
England (4) **9** (Charlton 3, Greaves 3, Smith 2, Haynes)
Luxembourg: Stendebach; Brenner, Hoffman; Jann, Brosius, Konter; Schmit, Cirelli, Bauer, May, Letsch.
England: Springett; Armfield, McNeil; Robson, Swan, Flowers; Douglas, Greaves, Smith, Haynes, Charlton.

World Cup Match

Sweden (0) **2** (Borjesson, Brodd)
Belgium (0) **0**
Sweden: Nyholm; Bergmark, Mild; Hellstrom, Johansson, Jonsson; Sandberg, Brodd, Simonsson, Borjesson, Backman.
Belgium: Nicolay; Verbiest, Thellin; Hanon, Willems, Lippens; Jurion, Stockman, Van Himst, Van den Berg, Piters.

OCTOBER 22

Wales (1) **2** (Jones, Vernon)
Scotland (0) **0**
Wales: Kelsey (Arsenal); Harrington (Cardiff), Williams (G.), (W.B.A.); Crowe (Aston Villa), Nurse (Swansea), Baker (Cardiff); Medwin (Spurs), Woosnam (West Ham), Leek (Leicester), Vernon (Everton), Jones (Spurs).
Scotland: Leslie (Airdrieonians); McKay (Celtic), Caldow (Rangers); Gabriel (Everton), Martis (Motherwell), Mackay (Spurs); Herd (Clyde), White (Spurs), Young (Hearts), Hunter (Motherwell), Wilson (Rangers).

OCTOBER 26

England (2) **4** (Smith 2, Greaves, Douglas)
Spain (1) **2** (Del Sol, Suarez)
England: Springett; Armfield, McNeil; Robson, Swan, Flowers; Douglas, Greaves, Smith, Haynes, Charlton.
Spain: Ramallets; Marquitos, Gracia; Ruiz Sosa, Santamaria, Verges; Mateos, Del Sol, Di Stefano, Suarez, Gento.

World Cup Match

Ireland (1) **3** (McAdams 3)
West Germany (1) **4** (Dorfel 2, Brulls, Seeler)
Ireland: McClelland; Keith, Elder; Blanchflower, Forde, Peacock; Bingham, McIlroy, McAdams, Hill, McParland.
W. Germany: Tilkowski; Erhardt, Schnellinger; Giesemann, Wilden, Szymaniak; Krees, Brulls, Seeler, Herrmann, Dorfel.

OCTOBER 30

East Germany (3) **5** (Noeldner 2, Erler, Heine, Ducke II)
Finland (0) **1** (Rytkonen).
East Germany: Spickenagel; Kalinke, Heine, Krampe, Liebrecht, Mühlbacher; Ducke I, Ducke II, Erler, Noeldner, Muller.
Finland: Nabb; Makinen, Jalava; Heinonen, Valtonen, Holmqvist; Hyvaerinen, Rytkonen, Sundelin, Pahlman, Pehonen.

Austria (1) **3** (Senekowitsch, Nemec, Hof)
Spain (0) **0**
Austria: Schmied; Trubrig, Swoboda; Hanappi, Stotz, Koller; Nemec, Hof, Buzek, Senekowitsch, Hamerl.
Spain: Ramallets (Araquistain); Rivilla, Gracia; Ruiz Sosa, Santamaria (Garay), Del Sol; Pereda, Mateos (Chuzo), Di Stefano, Suarez, Gento.

Belgium (2) **2** (Van Himst, Hanon)
Hungary (1) **1** (Tichy)
Belgium: Nicolay; Verbiest, Thellin; Hanon, Lejeune, Lippens; Jurion, Stockman, Van Himst, Van den Berg, Puschen.
Hungary: Grosics; Dudas, Novak; Szojka, Sipos, Berendi; Sandor, Gorocs, Albert, Tichy, Toth II.

Sweden (1) **1** (Jonsson)
France (0) **0**
Sweden: Nyholm; Bergmark, Mild; Hellstrom, Johansson, Jonsson; Sandberg, Bild, Martinsson, Borjesson, Backman.
France: Taillandier; Wendling, Rodzik; Muller, Biegaski, Marcel; Wisnieski, Ujlaki, Kopa, Piantoni, Vincent.

Czechoslovakia (2) **4** (Scherer 3, Kadabra)
Holland (0) **0**
Czechoslovakia: Schroif; Safranek, Novak; Pluskal, Popluhar, Masopust; Stibraniy, Scherer, Kadraba, Kacani (Adamec), Masek.
Holland: Graafland; Wiersma, Kuyr; Van Wissen, Van der Hart, Klaassens; Van der Kuil, Groot (H.), Kruiver, Prins, Bouwmeester.

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The English Scene

Much has happened to the game in England since the beginning of the season and happily there are distinct signs pointing to a far less gloomy outlook than appeared earlier on.

by Jack Rollin

THE FUTURE IS MORE PROMISING

THE oft-quoted wind of change seems to be bringing an encouraging breeze into the English international situation.

A match in the home series against Northern Ireland with a less prestige-conscious atmosphere surrounding it, produced an interesting game and gave England a win which restored some hitherto missing confidence.

England's World Cup preliminary round canter against Luxembourg provided opportunity to further a plan based on the 4-2-4 formation introduced by coach Walter Winterbottom this season.

With these successes giving a filip to morale, Spain were taken on at Wembley in atrocious conditions and defeated in a display that raised the level of gloom which had centred around the English game to a point where the future can be faced with more confidence than for many years.

Success achieved in the first round of the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup by Birmingham City at the expense of probably the best club side in Hungary, Ujpest Dozsa was well received. The midlanders impressed with victories, home and away, that belied their position in the First Division and gave fresh approval of the continental approach made by the club this season. This was further indication of the improvement made here at international club level.

Less heartening news flowed from the purely domestic scene where a continued drop in gates at League games caused even more concern. The newly instituted League Cup failed to add the stimulating effect hoped for as only clubs meeting opponents of a higher division produced anything like encouraging support at the turnstiles.

Severe weather has contributed to the absence of spectators from the terraces but has not accounted for all the missing fans. Several clubs in the lower divisions complain of difficulties of finance arising from loss of receipts.

Differences between Newcastle United and their inside-forward George Eastham seemed, after over three months, to be straightening themselves out. However, as I write this, it is quite impossible to even faintly discern the outcome. As you read these notes, it is likely that the whole situation will have resolved itself to the mutual satisfaction of all the parties concerned.

Another disturbing side of the picture, that of allegations of bribery and corruption, was dealt with by a joint enquiry of the Football Association and the Football League. It will be some while before the results become known. Nonetheless, while there must be some fact behind the allegations, reports of such underhand activities have been grossly over-rated by the ever insatiable press.

One significant feature of the England v. Spain international at Wembley concerned the televising of the entire game. Yet on a day when driving rain flooded everywhere, 80,000 packed into the famous stadium. On a clear day there would have been a capacity crowd.

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Bert Trautmann, Manchester City's German born goalkeeper (seen right), stares into the future and ponders on what it holds for him. This popular figure recently capped years of loyal service by being selected for the English League team against the Irish League. (photo : Hanney)

Inter-Cities Fairs Cup first round winners over Hungarian side Ujpest Dozsa were Birmingham City (seen above in pensive mood). Their new trainer-coach Emilio Aldecoa (left in track suit) details a new tactical plan. Aldecoa a Spaniard was previously trainer to Barcelona but played in his early career for English clubs, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Coventry City. (W.1).

THE FUTURE IS MORE PROMISING

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Another game which came before the cameras for the second half only was the Manchester United v. Real Madrid friendly. Again a miserable night, but over 50,000 enthusiasts filled the Old Trafford ground.

The Busby Babes chose this game to show that a revival of this proud club is inevitably slipping into gear following the disruptions of the Munich plane smash.

Transfers have speeded up and the two main moves have taken Alan O'Neill from Sunderland to Aston Villa, and Derek Hogg from West Bromwich Albion to Cardiff City. O'Neill, an inside forward, made a headline start to his career with his new club with a goal in twenty-five seconds. Hogg also a League winger had been unsettled with Albion for some time.

Meanwhile, Spurs continue to impress with an attractive and effective "push-and-run" style which has brought them not only success but proved a powerful drawing potential on opponents grounds.

The come-back of Burnley as contenders for retention of their Championship crown was timed almost with uncanny perfection in view of their European Cup commitments. Both Sheffield clubs, Wednesday in Division One and United in Division Two, have strengthened the steel city's claims to be the leading centre of the game. Everton's earlier spending spree is paying dividends as well.

East Anglia has been well to the fore in Division Two with Ipswich Town and Norwich City fighting hard in the top half of the table. Bury and Grimsby Town show most promise in Division Three while Crystal Palace with their short-passing technique look strong candidates in the Fourth Division.

The first two rounds proper of the F.A. Challenge Cup (the world's oldest knock-out competition) are being decided at this moment and will doubtless produce the usual crop of small but hardy surprise packets from comparative soccer obscurity.

"then there IS life on Mars, after all!"
—WEST GERMANY

It is evident that the overall picture of the condition of English football is a little healthier than it was when the season commenced.

Despite the lack of enthusiasm for League and League Cup matches, interest in the game as a whole is probably higher than ever. There continues to be clamour for the big games and with the encouraging pointers from the international side and improvement shown by clubs at international level, the future is not nearly so black as the critics of the country's soccer would like to imagine.

No magic wand has been waved over the game restoring it to full health and vitality, but thankfully the patient is no longer dangerously ill and seems to be passing out from the seriously ill category to a condition that leads England to look forward without fearing any awful lack of confidence.

There remains room for improvement especially on the domestic front and radical changes in structure still appear needed.

He will succeed a genius . .

PLAYER PORTRAIT: Agne Simonsson

***BENGT ELDH** talks about the man who should develop into Sweden's best 'export'*

SINCE the end of the last war Sweden has introduced to the world quite a number of really great players, but being an amateur country, they have proved wide open to the big cheque offers of the professional clubs of Italy, Spain and France. Sooner or later most of their stars have had a spell abroad.

Perhaps the biggest names so far produced by Sweden are the three Nordahl brothers (Bertil, Knut and Gunnar), Ivar Carlsson, Gunnar Gren, Hasse Jeppson, and the Italian based Hamrin, Skoglund, Liedholm and Gustafsson who returned home to help their country to the 1958 World Cup final.

In the past three years another young Swede Agne Simonsson has steadily been proving to himself and his many critics that he can ultimately prove to be the greatest of them all.

Twenty-six years old Simonsson was born in Gothenburg on October 19, 1935, and prior to his recent transfer to Real Madrid, had played for only one club Orgryte IS. In the Swedish second division when Simonsson joined them, Orgryte also signed "the professor", Gunnar Gren, on his return from Italy in 1957, and between them the two players put the club back into the top class.

Just how much Simonsson actually owes to Gren can never be calculated but it is quite certain that with the 38 year old playing alongside him he improved tremendously during the year prior to the 1958 World Cup.

When the series opened, the unknown Simonsson had been subjected to a considerable amount of criticism. The main objection to his inclusion was apparently that he lacked the necessary speed to be a success in top class soccer, and his relative inexperience was calculated to slow the progress of his colleagues in the Swedish attack — all temporarily released for the occasion by their Italian employers.

That Simonsson looks to be slow is certainly true, but his long legs, and casual appearance on the ball give a quite wrong impression. To see him moving with the ball alone is to be deceived, for without any basis for comparison, he appears to be lumbering. It is only when one notices him racing with an opponent that this illusion is shattered. In fact his effortless stride gives him a distinct advantage over many defenders who are lulled into a feeling of security when he is in possession, and seconds later realise that they are unable to catch him.

After the promising (rather than brilliant) performances he put up in the World Cup, Simonsson developed rapidly during the following eighteen months, and his achievements in this period were many. He led his club into the Swedish first division; played a magnificent game against England at Wembley in 1959 and scored two of the three goals that enabled Sweden to become the second foreign team ever to have beaten England on her own ground. He attracted a swarm of scouts from the wealthy continental clubs.

Quite the best performer in Sweden at that time, it was no surprise when Simonsson was awarded the title "Swedish footballer of the year" and received the *Guldbollen* (golden ball) from the newspaper *Stockholms Tidningens*, but later, despite the efforts of Sweden's world boxing champion, Johansson, confirmed his overall popularity by becoming the first footballer to receive his country's Sportsman of the Year trophy.

Three months ago, after many rumours had been proved false, Simonsson signed as a professional for Real Madrid, and with them it is confidently expected that he will blossom into one of the finest players the game has ever known.

Agne Simonsson in happy mood with fellow Sweden international Kurt Hamrin (left).

With a £14,000 signing on fee in the bank, and the promise of many more similar sums to follow, Simonsson has every incentive to make further progress, and with the help and encouragement of great players like Di Stefano and Puskas, he can hardly fail.

What do Real Madrid want with Simonsson when they have a whole string of internationals to fill the three inside forward positions? Del Sol, Di Stefano, Puskas, Mateos, Rial and Pepillo may well seem formidable opposition, but Simonsson has the edge on them all. He has been selected to take over the role now filled by Di Stefano, surely one of the most difficult tasks that has ever faced any 25 year old.

As soon as the Swede is ready, Di Stefano will drop back to wing half, where he will be close at hand to help Simonsson to develop his game further. With the upward trend of salaries, bonuses and signing on fees still spiralling Simonsson could soon find himself the world's wealthiest player, for the Spanish club is relying on him to maintain the link between defence and attack that Di Stefano has forged so brilliantly. ●

HUMBLE SIDE WITH BIG

Champions of Luxembourg seven times and Cup winners four times, ***RENE BOUDRY*** *spotlights*

Jeunesse Esch

SINCE the launching of the European Cup, the spotlight of big time soccer has centred more or less continuously around the glamour clubs from Spain and Italy yet while this is basically true, the competition has also brought into focus a great many small, and hitherto unknown clubs.

That any would be world champions must follow the example of Real Madrid and build a super team out of super players, is undoubtedly true, but down at the other end of the scale there is also much to be learnt.

One of the most successful of these little clubs has been the champions of Luxembourg, Jeunesse Esch, whose resources are so slender that there has never been, and probably never will be any chance of their discarding their strictly amateur status.

If Jeunesse Esch are unknown it is not to be wondered at. Their ground, with a 6,000 capacity, and seldom more than half full, is difficult to find, even from the centre of the tiny town of Esch-sur-Alzette. Overshadowed by a belt of huge steel works, that completely surrounds the town, and constantly shrouded in a cloud of dirty orange smoke that serves to hide them from the rest of the football world, no visitor could yet fail to be impressed by the eagerness of their public, the enthusiasm of their players or the encouragement given them by the club's officials.

The only paid member of the club is the coach Georges Berry. London born Mr. Berry has spent the past twenty years on the continent, first as a professional player in pre-war France and since giving up the active side of the game has coached in France and Belgium. He joined Jeunesse after a spell in North Africa, and is now more than content to work among amateurs. "The financial rewards may be greater in professional clubs", he says, "but for personal satisfaction I'm better off here. These lads", he told me, "indicating a group of about thirty senior players who had just finished a two hour work-out, just live for the game".

Founded in 1907 and sustained during their early years by the subscriptions of their players, Jeunesse have been champions of Luxembourg seven times — cup winners four times, and apart from an annual grant of 750 Francs (about £5) from one of the nearby factories have always been completely self supporting. Now they are stronger than ever before, and in the present campaign are well on the way to their fourth consecutive championship. The population of Esch, a mere 23,000, severely restricts their future development, but the coming of the European Cup has enabled them to challenge the might of the professional world, and what is perhaps more important, to put up a good performance in the highest class.

Everything in Esch is geared to the demands of the factories in which practically everyone connected with the club, makes his living. Three eight hour shifts are operated around the clock, and while time off is granted to players for matches — training has to be fitted in in off duty periods. This means of course that the club's first eleven can only be gathered together on match days and training is broken up into three sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Wednesday and Friday dozens of eager youngsters attend for training and coaching from Mr. Berry. The under 14's from 4.30-6 p.m., 14-20 from 6-8 p.m. and with tactical talks, prematch discussions and Sunday matches the coach has a very full programme.

In all Jeunesse field eight teams every Sunday. Three of these are senior sides, the rest for juniors. Two under 18's, 1 under 16's and two of varying ages from 10-14. Anyone can take part. Just present yourself to Mr. Berry at the appropriate training session, bring your own boots, and join in. In 1959-60 the club was exceptionally successful. The first and second teams won their respective national championships; and the under 14's were third but the achievement of the under 16 side was staggering. On the last day of the league programme they had clinched the championship without having conceded a single goal, but then nerves and overeagerness combined to bring them down. Two goals were scored against them in that final game, but their overall analysis of 65 goals to 2 was quite remarkable.

Last season also provided the club with their first success in the European Cup. Their first round victims were LKS Lodz champions of Poland who won 2-1 at home but received a 5-1 hiding in Luxembourg, and Jeunesse were rewarded with the plum of the draw "Real Madrid". This match more than any other really

(Left): Jeunesse Esch of Luxembourg. (Back): Mr. Berry, Mond, Theis, Heinen, Jahn, Denis, Schaack. (Front): Ruffini, Pascucci, Steffen, May, Meurisse. (Right): Goalkeeper Steffen who came to London for the 1948 Olympic Games.

made the country's 300,000 people sit up. For the first time in the history of the game, practically everyone in the Grand Duchy wanted to see a football match, and with one game like that every season the "Youth of Esch" would have no more problems.

No one had any illusions about the outcome of their clash with the big Spanish club. They lost 0-7 in Madrid and after scoring the opening goal at home went down again 2-5 before their own supporters, but never at any time were they disgraced, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Practically all the Jeunesse first team are internationals, and all without exception are unpaid. Goalkeeper Paul Steffen was a reserve for the 1948 London Olympics, and says George Berry can be positively brilliant. Another star in his own right is Rene Pascucci the club captain. Stockily built, but at five foot eight far shorter than most centre halves his team mates speak very highly of him. Perhaps he's not really big enough for a centre back said goalkeeper Steffen, but

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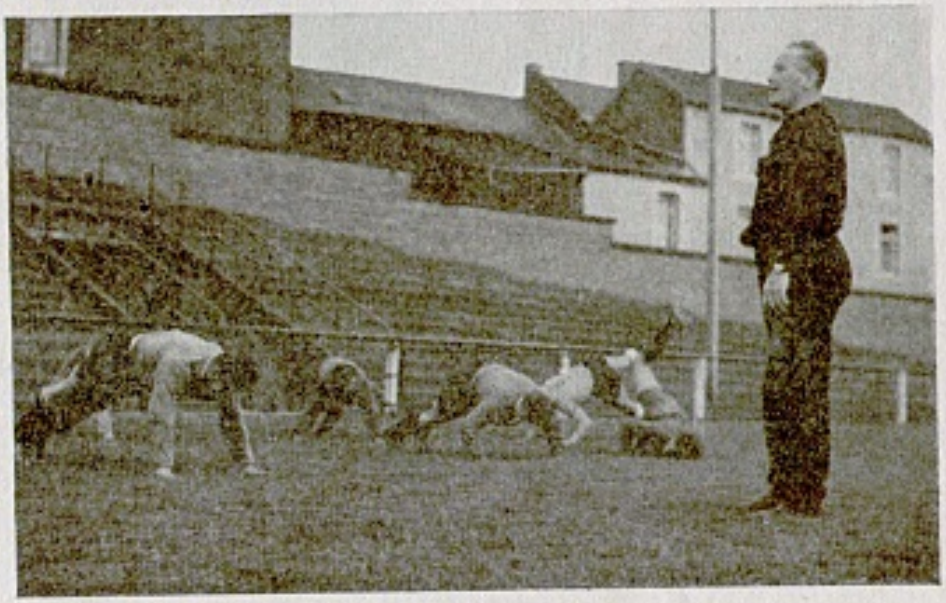
he doesn't make many mistakes, and seems to know what his opponents are going to do, even before they know themselves.

The most commendable features of the club, however, are not so much in the skill of their players, as in the keenness of everyone from the coach down to the smallest junior player. Professional clubs, all the world over always include one or two players who are eager to swing the lead. In training they appear keen enough but when the trainer's back is turned . . . and here Jeunesse have a distinct advantage. After training discipline is relaxed, and as Mr. Berry told me. "Here we are all friends." The arrival of the President gave proof of this, for after finishing work he had been home for a meal and change of clothing and then strolled up to the ground. The players were still training, and a large group of people, ex-players, supporters, young boys and committee members were watching the proceedings and discussing their prospects for the match with French champions Reims. As the President approached, club secretary Roger Theisen came over to introduce me. John Peter Weber, he said, our President, and as he spoke a deep voice boomed out "For the moment".

Little Finance

This is football in Luxembourg. Lacking the financial resources of the big clubs in other countries, they may not rise to the status of Arsenal or Real Madrid, but there is a great deal to be said for their outlook. Without the pomp and dignity that emanates from the boardrooms of wealthier clubs, Jeunesse have been more than ordinarily successful in their own sphere.

Because there is nothing to be gained from the game in Luxembourg, the "wrong" element is kept out, and while transfers are permitted, they are kept to a minimum by enforcing the ruling which decrees that no transferred player can play in a first division match for his new club until he has been with them for three years. It might seem a trifle harsh compared with other European standards, nevertheless it appears to work happily here to the mutual satisfaction of everyone concerned. ●



THEIR LONDON-BORN COACH

(Left): Mr. Georges Berry, Jeunesse Esch manager-coach who is London-born, watches his boys do their daily press-up exercises.

FERENCVAROS (Hungary)

FERENCVAROS: Left to right (back): Albert, Orosz, Dalnoki (Jozsef), Rakosi, Dalnoki (Jeno), Vilezsal. (Front): Kocsis, Matrai, Horvath, Berta, Dekany.

THE DECLINE OF ENGLISH INSIDE-FORWARDS

Scottish International inside forward Denis Law (seen right) cost his English club Manchester City a record fee of £50,000 when they signed him in March of this year. Formerly a ground staff boy with Huddersfield Town he developed with the Yorkshire side to become probably the finest young inside forward in England. He was born on February 24, 1940.

England, at one time, could boast a wealth of top flight inside-men. Not any more says

STUART SHAW

ONE of the most truthful adages of all is the one that refers to distance lending enchantment. The farther back in time you go the more clouded with splendid multi-coloured mists life and events appear. Certainly in taking one small aspect of a vast subject it is far easier to discuss conditions of say twenty years ago without getting things too much out of all proportion as is likely from delving into a longer period of time.

Soccerwise, inside-forward play in English football has changed drastically over the past two decades. Deteriorated is perhaps nearer the mark. Memory allows us to recall this period with some accuracy without flights of football fantasy serving to stray us from the right lines.

Generally speaking, too, it is common knowledge that the quality of inside-forwards has declined. Whereas England could provide a dozen names of top class inside forwards twenty years ago, to-day it is a far more difficult job to name half that number, who would measure up to their earlier counterparts.

It is not fo us to discuss here the reasons for this state of affairs since this is a complicated subject involving environment, conditions, needs and incentives, but the present day absence of talent is real. It is intended however to attempt to spotlight some players to-day who could in the forseeable future match the giants of the past and make some reasonable form of comparison.

When the Second World War began there were plenty of good inside-forwards around in England. Internationally England still had a healthy appearance. The war period cut a large slice out of the soccer lives of these players and since there were virtually no younger players able to develope to any extent, these stars carried on until the end of the war.

Unofficial war-time internationals against Scotland and Wales were dominated by two inside forwards Raich Carter and Jimmy Hagan. The availability of players and restrictions of service calls made the choice somewhat limited naturally, yet this may be inclined to give the wrong impression as both players well merited selection.

In the case of Carter he had already made his name as an international before the war. Tactically as a maker and scorer of goals he came almost as near to deadly efficiency as anyone before him or since.

For Hagan, the war gave him his first big chance but at the same time robbed him of full honours; he was born just a little too early. As vociferous as Carter could be Hagan was the perfect foil, shrewd and purposeful, a much quieter player, yet no less skilful in his own way.

On the resumption of normal League football it was the experienced players who commanded the key positions, obviously.

For Carter and Hagan, mixed fortune was to follow. Carter made seven post-war appearances for Eng-

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Malaya plans Two-way trip to Europe

"THE development of the game in Malaya particularly has been encouraging and impressive" says Sir Stanley Rous, England's F.A. Secretary, in his message to the "Malayan Referee", official organ of the Football Referees' Association of Malaya.

Malaya has been outstanding, having won the Independence Football Festival Championship twice in 1958 and 1959, and being joint holders with Korea this year. Three wins in four years is a rare achievement of which all Malayans can be proud. From a nonentity, Malaya has worked into an enviable position and today most Asian countries look to them for leadership.

Nine countries took part in the 1960 Independence Football Festival Championship; Vietnam, Indonesia, Pakistan, Singapore, Malaya, Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand and Korea. This year's final between Korea and Malaya attracted over 45,000 spectators, bringing an all-time record gate collection of $76,400. Over 10,000 were shut out from the Merdeka Stadium, Kuala Lumpur, owing to lack of accommodation.

Malaya will soon embark on a two-way traffic in football tours between Malaya and Europe. The Malayans are also working on the possibility of a visit to Denmark.

Decline of English inside-forwards

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land in 1946-7 but Hagan the younger player, with a solitary game in 1948-9 against Denmark was virtually lost to this particular sphere.

But the two inside-forwards who made the early post-war impression were Stan Mortensen and Wilf Mannion. Mortensen who had emerged badly injured from the wreckage of an airplane crash to become a fast and penetrating player was almost the exact opposite of the fair haired Mannion, a pre-war product and a bundle of tricks and stategy.

A fine creator of openings Mannion was possibly more open to failure than Carter though the margin of error was not great. Mortensen had terriffic acceleration and stamina that defenders found difficult to combat. Once through he rarely failed on target.

This partnership lasted about five years. Thereafter players like Stan Pearson, Eddie Baily, Ivor Broadis and Roy Bentley had some success. Pearson a hard working player lacking the brilliance of say Carter or Mannion was nevertheless a more than useful performer and Baily who came to the fore during the Spurs palmy days of the late forties and early fifties was a clever little player, too.

Broadis, who had matured quickly was industrious and a goalscorer but Bentley was really a centre forward.

Jackie Sewell and Dennis Wilshaw were, at the very best, clever individuals with poaching their greatest assets. The standard had noticeably declined by now. The ability to completely control in mid-field by inside-forwards was lost.

At this stage Len Shackleton was the best inside forward on his day but this brilliant ball-player was inclined to be erratic and was not in favour most of the time.

Albert Quixall and Don Revie came along with rich promise. Quixall a talented ball-player was thrown into internationalism too quickly and has never fulfilled his promise since while Revie a great tactician did not come into his own till late in his career and performed erratically when given international opportunities.

Johnny Haynes hit the full England side with tremendous impact. A serious student of the game and a tactically ingenious player his chief fault lies in his failure to overcome self-criticism.

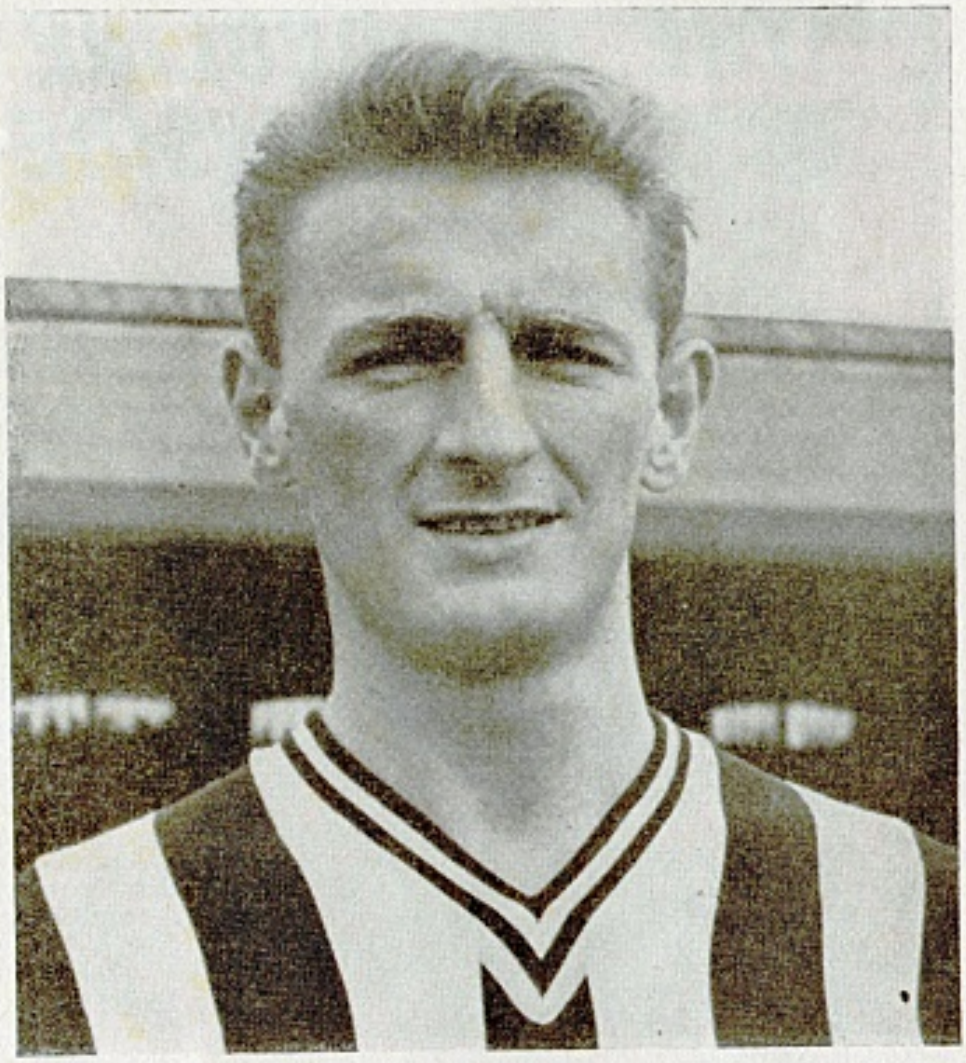
Though now still only in his middle twenties, his international career appears healthy. Certainly in many ways Haynes is his own worst enemy. Many say that he has reached his peak, others that he has yet to find it.

But whatever the controversy concerning Haynes, the two best inside forwards in English football at present are undoubtedly an Irishman Jimmy McIlroy and a Scot Denis Law. Former Youth International Jimmy Greaves is typical of the modern trend of English inside forward.

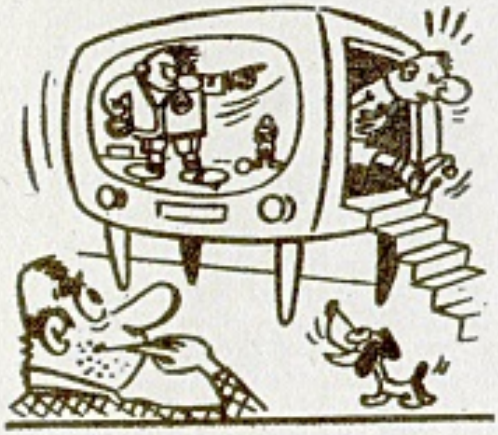
Undoubtedly a clever individual he is essentially a poacher not a maker of goals.

Of the younger brigade Davy Burnside and John Fantham have shown some promise.

George Eastham has developed late. Whether he can force himself into a higher bracket via some inherited family skill remains to be seen. A firmer approach to his hard work would help him considerably. ●



Player whose early season refusal to re-sign for England's Newcastle United caused almost unprecedented situations in relation to club and player is inside forward George Eastham (pictured above). 24 years of age, he began his career with Ards of Irish League fame, but was born in Blackpool of a footballing family.



—YUGOSLAVIA

East Germany visit North Africa

East Germany's champions SC Wismut put their players through rigorous training schedules which include, as is seen above, a spot of high-jumping. On the left Muller, and right, Troger.

THE DECEMBER DIARY

FULL INTERNATIONALS

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8—Malta v. Tunisia (Valetta)
11—Morocco v. East Germany
Italy v. Austria
18—West Germany v. Italy

WORLD CUP

11—France v. Bulgaria (Paris)

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

3—Oxford University v. Cambridge University (London)
7—F.A. Amateur XI v. Royal Navy
8—Portugal B v. France B (Lisbon)
11—France Under-23 v. Greece Under-23 (Marseilles)
Bulgaria Under-23 v. Italy Under-23 (Sofia)

SCHOOLBOY INTERNATIONAL

3—England v. Wales

CUP MATCHES

7—Bolton Wanderers v. Le Havre (Friendship Cup)
14—British Army v. Belgian Army (Kentish Cup)

FRIENDLY MATCHES

14—Real Madrid v. Rest of Europe (Madrid)

DULL dreary December is not a popular month for staging the season's most attractive matches, and this year is no exception.

In Europe, at least, this month is noted for its fogs, ice and snow, and also the "slushy mushy" pitches upon which it is impossible to play good football. In many countries the game closes down altogether. Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Czechoslovakia, Russia, Hungary, Poland, Yugoslavia, and quite a few more besides, all cease for the worst of the winter and thus, if they do play any international matches at all, they are away from home.

East Germany come within this category with two end of season matches in North Africa. Both games should result in victory for the touring side, for their opponents, Tunisia and Morocco have only just begun to develop their football. Ground advanage and the prevailing climate conditions must obviously be considered however, and remembering Egypt's 2-1 win over West Germany not so long ago, it might well be that the Germans may be surprised if they treat their games too lightly.

The Maltese national XI will meet Tunisia four days after East Germany, and for the Maltese it will be quite an important occasion. In the past they have taken the field in matches against touring sides, and British service's XI's but their participation in the 1960 Olympic Games qualifying rounds marked their official entry into the big time. The visit of Tunisia is the first "official" international friendly that they have ever staged, yet while their resources are so limited that they can never hope to take on the giants of the game, it will probably not be long before they begin to play against the "B" teams of Europe.

For many years past it has been the custom for continental countries to arrange a "full" international programme whenever the national team is playing, and on the 11th December, France put two teams into the field in accordance with this policy. The A team meet Bulgaria in a World Cup match in Paris, while the Espoirs — the hopefuls — play Greece at Marseille, and three days earlier, the B team will travel to Lisbon to meet their Portuguese counterparts.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

In Central Europe this custom is carried a stage or two further. Matches between Hungary and Austria for example are usually arranged at every level — a full international, "B", Under 23, Youth and Boys, but while this is a good thing in some respects there are considerable arguments that can be put against it.

Biggest of these is the fact that the selector of the national team cannot see all the games if they are played on the same day, and for the sake of continuity, of a consistent policy, it would be an excellent thing if this were possible.

The match between France and Bulgaria should be an interesting affair. By the time the match comes around, both Kopa and Fontaine should be fit again, and their inclusion will transform the French team from the near shambles that it has been recently. The last time the two teams met, in Sofia a little more than a year ago, Bulgaria won by 1-0, and Just Fontaine found himself sent off the field with only two minutes remaining for play. If their two stars are available it seems that France will win, but if not, then almost certainly they will have only an academic interest in the further progress of the 1962 World Cup.

Austria must be regretting the fact that they refrained from entering the next World Cup, for while they had a very poor side when the decision was made, their prospects have improved considerably during the last few months. A 4-1 win over Scotland, and then more recently a 3-1 success against Russia, the European champions, has done much to restore the loss of confidence from which they suffered after putting up a poor show in 1958, but their FA made a bad mistake in failing to enter this time.

Many team have no chance of winning the World Cup, yet time after time they take part confident in the knowledge that the only possible way in which players can rise to world standards is to give them experience, the more the better, in the highest class.

The Austrians visit Italy this month and should they win it, there'll certainly be a lot of arguments in Vienna, for the Italians seem practically certain of a place in the final rounds in Chile. Drawn with Rumania, and the winners of the Cyprus, Israel, Ethiopia, extra qualifying round, Italy should qualify, but in any event the task would not be beyond the present Austrian XI.

There is a distinct possibility of the "match of the year" taking place on December 14th in Madrid when Real Madrid meet the Rest of Europe. As I write, final details are not available. On page 30 you will find the latest information.

REPORT FROM SOUTH AMERICA

SOCIOLOGISTS OFTEN CLAIM THAT AS A SOCIETY BECOMES INDUSTRIALISED, INTEREST IN FOOTBALL BEGINS TO WANE. IF THIS IS TRUE, THEN SOUTH AMERICA HAS MANY YEARS OF SUCCESS BEFORE HER, FOR WHILE ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL ARE STILL POOR COUNTRIES, PERU, PARAGUAY, COSTA RICA, BOLIVIA AND CHILE ARE WHOLLY UNDEVELOPED.

by JORGE RIVERA

FOR many years now the arguments have raged: Which is the strongest football continent, Europe or South America? Official and semi-official bodies have repeatedly attempted to resolve this problem by having representative teams from each area fight it out in public, but so far, it has never proved a practical proposition.

The question will be resolved at some time in the not too distant future, but at the moment any arguments must be purely theoretical, for none of the competitions so far organised give a true indication. The World Cup has usually gone to a team from the continent in which the series has been played, and here the only exception is Brazil who won the last series in Sweden.

Similarly, the new World (Clubs) Championship doesn't fill the gap. Whilst Real Madrid were clearly superior to Penarol (Uruguay) whom they beat on aggregate 0-0 in Montevideo, and 5-1 in Madrid, three of their leading players are South Americans. The success of the Spanish team has been due to a large extent to the inclusion of their South American contingent of Di Stefano, Dominguez, and Rial (Argentina), Santamaria (Uruguay) and Canario (Brazil). Without them would they be world champions?

Within their own boundaries the much simpler question "which is the best team in South America?" is of far greater importance.

In Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro there is no doubt at all in the public mind. European football is inferior, and the best international team in the world is in Argentina, Brazil or Uruguay, depending on where the vote is taken.

The constant stream of star players who join European clubs complicates the picture to such an extent that almost as soon as one of the big South American teams forges ahead of their rivals, they slump again after losing three or four star players.

Argentina, for example, won the South American championship (national teams) at Lima (Peru) in 1957, but a year later in Sweden they failed in the World Cup while Brazil became champions. In 1959 Argentina were the hosts for the South American championship and retained the title despite the fact that Brazil were unbeaten, but when Ecuador staged an unofficial series in December, 1959, Uruguay came from nowhere,

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beat Argentina 5-0 and Brazil 3-0 to walk away with the title.

Now its neck and neck between the "big three" with very little to choose between them. Argentina are official South American champions, Uruguay are unofficial South American champions and Brazil are the holders of the World Cup!

The South American championship is held every two years, but unofficial tournaments are arranged on the slightest pretext — often just to raise the cost of rebuilding the national stadium in one of the smaller countries like Paraguay, Peru or Bolivia.

Then of course there is the World Cup every four years, the Central American championship (2 years), the Pan American championship (4 years), the Olympic Games (4 years), and a host of challenge matches that are held every year for a thirty or forty year old Cup.

The Roca Cup—Brazil v. Argentina (home and away), the O'Higgins Cup—Chile v. Brazil (home and away), the Coppa del Rose Chevalier—Paraguay v. Argentina, are just three. There are many others.

During the past twelve months, only one major competition has been staged. This was the Atlantic Cup and Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay all took part. Only three matches were involved for each team and the series was settled on a points basis. Brazil were decidedly unfortunate in being drawn to play only one home match, but after losing 1-0 in Montevideo they beat Argentina 5-1 in Rio de Janeiro and were declared winners on goal average.

The current Brazilian team is similar to their all-conquering XI of 1958, but one

(Left): Ernesto Grillo (in the dark shirt) the former Milan player who has now left sunny Italy for Boca Juniors in Argentina, is seen chatting with the former Argentinian centre-half, Nestor Rossi. Grillo, still a fancy ball artist of the highest quality has lost none of his old glamour which made him such a favourite in Europe.

(Right): a recent Chilean international eleven. Reading left to right (back row): Fernandez, Colona, Rodriguez, Raul Sanchez, Navarro, Carrasco and Moreno. (Front row kneeling): Tobar, Juan Soto, Lionel Sanchez, Belo and Toro. The feature on these pages discusses Chile in general and the South Americas in particular.

point which will surprise many European readers concerns the failure of two stars, Didi and Julinho to regain their places. Both are back in Brazil after a period in "exile".

Santos FC of Sao Paulo produced yet another teen-aged coloured star, centre forward Coutinho, who was a revelation early in the year, in partnership with Pele, but became the victim of a vicious foul in the Brazil-Argentina match and has still not fully recovered months later.

Mr. Vicente Feola, manager of the team in 1958 is still in control and is in a happy position with a glut of first class players from which to select his team.

The following is his present choice: Gilmar (Corinthians); Djalma Santos (Portuguesa), Nilton Santos (Botafogo); Zito (Santos), Bellini (Vasco da Gama), Orlando (Vasco da Gama); Garrincha (Botafogo), Chinezinho (Palmeiras), and Coutinho, Pele and Pepe (all Santos).

For some time past, two men have been

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struggling for control of the Argentine national side, Guillermo Stabile and Vittorio Spinetto. Both adhere to the attacking centre half game which has now been thrown over by practically every country in the world, but despite their agreement on this point their methods are very different. Stabile looks for class, Spinetto for condition.

Mr. Spinetto was in charge for two years until the 5-1 defeat in Rio last July, and since then Mr. Stabile has guided Argentina to two successive home victories 4-0 v. Uruguay, 2-0 v. Spain. Their backgrounds are very different for while both are former international players Spinetto is now coach of first division team Velez Sarsfield and has never worked in Europe, 55 year-old Stabile was the leading goalscorer in the 1930 World Cup, and then spent ten years as a player in Italy and France.

The junior member of the big three is Uruguay. With a total population of less than three millions, they have behind them a fabulous record of two World Cup wins and two Olympic soccer titles, and are always a force to be reckoned with. The stars of the new Uruguay side are right half Ruben Gonzalez, outside right Dominguez Perez and his partner Mario Bergara. Between these three the next World Championship will probably be decided. So says South America.

At club level there have been many surprises in the past few months. Argentinos Juniors have created the biggest stir by holding top place in the Argentinian first division while the traditional champions River Plate are having a lean time. River, who were champions five times in the six seasons between 1952 and 1957, Boca Juniors (the current big spenders), and the reigning champions San Lorenzo, are all spectators in the current struggle while only Independiente appear capable of challenging the new leaders.

Brazilian football is still divided into two major sections—Paulistas and Cariocas. In Sao Paulo, Santos, Palmeiras and Sao Paulo FC continue to dominate the proceedings as they have for some years past, but in Rio there is a strange situation. On paper Fluminense appear to be an ordinary team, yet while others seem to have stronger claims for recognition they seem likely to retain the title they won last year. Botafogo have a fine team on paper, which includes such well-known players as Nilton Santos, Didi, Garrincha, and Zagallo while the "Arsenal" Vasco da Gama, seven times champions since the war look just as strong as ever with the rock-like Bellini at centre back and many other internationals spread around the team. With players like Moacyr, Sabara, Orlando, Almir, Delem and Coronel they are never an easy team to beat.

Rio Championship

While the Rio championship is in dispute — the Paulistas recognise Santos as their most formidable combination. The needs of the national team make great demands on their resources but that they are the outstanding team in Brazil to-day is beyond dispute. After their triumphant European tour in which they were beaten only by Barcelona earlier this year their stars will surely be well-known despite the fact that many of them are still in their teens: Pele, Countinho, Dorval, Sormanti, Pepe, Tite, Zito, Formiga, are just a few of the best players. Averaging around 100 matches per year, the understanding between them improves all the time, and though injuries take their toll there is a vast reservoir of youthful talent waiting in the background. ●

The 1960 ATLANTIC CUP

Paraguay 1 Brazil 2
Argentina 1 Paraguay 0
Uruguay 2 Paraguay 1
Uruguay 1 Brazil 0
Brazil 5 Argentina 1
Argentina 4 Uruguay 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Brazil	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
Argentina	3	2	0	1	6	5	4
Uruguay	3	2	0	1	3	5	4
Paraguay	3	0	0	3	2	5	0

(Below): Bellini, captain and pivot of Brazil's World Cup team 1958 has opened a shoe shop in his home town, with success.

EUROPEAN CUP FOR SPAIN AGA IS LIKELY

The European Cup

AFTER five years of complete domination by Real Madrid in the European Cup, only one club from the entire continent has seriously challenged their stranglehold, and as yet there is little indication that their successful run is coming to an end.

At intervals there are signs that the side is breaking up, that Di Stefano is beginning to show his age, that Puskas has lost the "bite" which made him world class and that the defence, once very suspect, is again beginning to creak.

All these indications have been eagerly pounced upon by some of the experts, yet repeatedly Madrid have risen to the big occasion and left us all flabbergasted by a brilliant performance.

For Real Madrid, their continued success is vitally important, not least because they are very jealous of their reputation, but also because there is a great deal of money to be made in the competition. Some of the figures from the 1959-60 tournament are staggering, and show clearly what elimination would cost the Spanish club.

2,142,455 people attended the 52 matches in the 1959-60 European Cup The average gate being — 41,201.

524,097 paid to see the seven matches played in the series by Real Madrid. The average — 74,871.

The final at Hampden Park, Glasgow, produced £52,931 6s. 6d. from ticket sales, and a further £8,000 in television fees !

This represents only a part of the spoils which accrue to the European Cup holders, but in addition there is the cash value of their reputation which brings in perhaps ten friendly match fees per season all in the region of £10,000.

There is much money to be made by any club who is even moderately successful in the competition. Glasgow Rangers, for example, did well last season, and from their four home matches grossed £74,553.

This is the background to the present series. What is likely to happen in the current campaign? Will Barcelona achieve their greatest ambition and beat Madrid? Will the holders go on to make it six in a row? Or will some giant killer run through the field and carry off the crown?

First, it must be emphasised that in this class of football there is no room for minnows. They are in just to swell the numbers, to make it universally popular, to keep it democratic. For them there is no chance. Even on a "off day" Real Madrid would be much too good for the champions of Norway or the Republic of Ireland.

The most likely result is that the winners of the Real Madrid - CF Barcelona tie will sweep the board, but there are one or two sides (well below the class of the giants) who are capable of beating them if the circumstances are right.

To get the series in the right perspective it is necessary to arrange the clubs left in, into three groups. Probables, possibles and outsiders. This is how I see it:

Probables: Real Madrid, Barcelona.

Possibles: Reims, Burnley, Hamburg SV, CDNA, SC Rapid, Ujpest Dozsa.

Italy's Juventus are out of this season's European Cup competition even though Welshman John Charles (seen left with a young admirer) led the attack on both occasions against CDNA. The Bulgarian team won their ties on a 4-3 aggregate.

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last season's utch European up representa- ves were Sparta otterdam. On e right: their ght-half Ver- beven leaps gh to reach the ll in his goal- area.

Outsiders: Young Boys, Spartak, Pana- hinaikos, Aarhus, Fredrickstadt, Malmo, Vismut, Benfica.

The draw for the second round is rea- onably well balanced. So much so, in act, that it looks as if it might have been bent", for nowhere is there a tie with certain winner, and an inevitable loser.

The Burnley - Reims tie is typical. The ough British defence, with a hard hitting attack kilfully prompted by Jimmy McIlroy versus French team in which an international can e fielded in every position. The result revolves round the Kopa - Fontaine partnership, and heir highly suspect fitness. The former has n ankle which has given trouble for a num- er of years, and Fontaine has had several months out of the game following a broken eg.

Can Burnley contain Kopa, will Fontaine be fit or, if the English champions concentrate everything on these two, will the left wing pair Piantoni and Vincent run riot?

The outcome of the other matches is predict- able but by no means easy. Hamburg, with centre forward Uwe Seeler hammering goals from all angles, should account for Young Boys; Czech champions Spartak, goal shy to an unusual degree, should still overcome Pana- thinaikos; CDNA fresh from their victory over Juventus will probably find the Swedes easier to beat, and what Ujpest did to Red Star they can certainly do to Benfica. Now add to the list of likely winners SC Rapid and AGF Aarhus, and there is only one outstanding query. The big one. Real v. Barcelona.

The clash between the two Spanish clubs will be tremendous. Television cameras, news- reel crews and film-makers from all over the world will follow both games, and the results of their work will be seen in practically every country in Europe and quite a few in South America. This clash is almost the final, but behind the scenes there is a great deal of wrangling going on.

Barcelona are certain to insist that the two games be played in November, while if Madrid are doubtful about their ability to beat their rivals they'll probably try to have at least one match played in December. The question of timing is important because in November Real's new Swedish star Agne Simonsson will not be eligible to play for them under the new UEFA rule introduced during the summer. This was brought in because Madrid have twice recruited a player in mid season to cover a definite weakness, and last season the biggest victims were Barcelona.

When Didi failed to fit in with Di Stefano and Puskas, Madrid were in considerable trouble with their right wing, and when the clash with Barcelona occured they signed Luis Del Sol from Betis! Similarly, they "bought" right back Torres from Real Sociedad shortly before their semi-final clash with Manchester United in 1957 to strengthen a wilting rear- guard.

Simonsson was signed on August 31, and will be eligible to play in the European Cup from December 1, under the three month qualifica- tion rule.

The tie looks wide open for neither team has been at their best for some time past. With Di Stefano nowhere near his best after a month out of action through sciatica Madrid have been well below par, and Barcelona too have been stricken by a whole string of injuries that have kept Kubala, Kocsis, Czibor, Segarra, Suarez and Martinez out of action.

Had Helenio Hererra still been in charge of CF Barcelona then I think that Madrid would have been very hard pressed to overcome such strong opposition at this juncture.

Without a great deal of confidence I would suggest the following as the likely quarter finalists:

Real Madrid, Reims, Hamburg SV, Spartak, Aarhus, CDNA, SC Rapid and Ujpest Dozsa.

EUROPEAN CUP: 2nd ROUND

Burnley (England) v. Reims (France).
Real Madrid (Holders) v. CF Barcelona (Spain).
Young Boys (Switzerland) v. Hamburg SV (West Germany).
Spartak Hradec Kralove (Czechoslovakia) v. Panathinaikos (Greece).
AGF Aarhus (Denmark) v. Fredrickstadt (Norway).
FK Malmo (Sweden) v. CDNA (Bulgaria).
SC Rapid (Austria) v. Wismut KarlMarx Stadt (East Germany).
Benfica (Portugal) v. Ujpest Dozsa (Hungary).

Results, home and away, and teams for the first round:

uventus 2, CDNA 0
DNA 4, Juventus 1

CDNA: Naidenov; Rakarov, Kochev; Constantinov, Ianolov, Kovatchev; Rankov, Tzanev, Panayotov, olev, Yakimov.

Juventus: Romano; Burelli, Sarti; Leoncini, Cervato, olombo; Nicole, Boniperti, Charles, Lojodice, Stivanello.

● Glenavon v. Wismut KarlMarx Stadt. Glenavon forfeit.

eims 6, Jeunesse Esch 1
eunesse Esch 0, Reims 5

Esch: Steffen; Denis, Heinen; Jann, Pascucci, Ruffini; Heurisse, Jacobi, May, Theis, Schaak.

Reims: Colonna; Wendling, Rodzik; Leblond, Siatka, Siegel; Rustichelli, Muller, Vincent, Piantoni, Moreau.

● CCA-Rumania v. Spartak Hradec Kralove. CCA withdrew.

ed Star 1, Ujpest Dozsa 2
jpest Dozsa 3, Red Star 0

Ujpest: Torok; Rajna, Gyorvari; Szini, Varhadi, orsanyi; Bataki, Gorocs, Szusza, Kuharsky, Benesics.

Red Star: Vukosevic; Stojanovic, Tomic; Milicevic, ebec, Tasic; Milosevic, Melic, Maravic, Mijuskovic, ostic.

Barcelona 2, SK Lierse 0
SK Lierse 0, Barcelona 3

Lierse: Baeten (M.), Bogaert, Thys; Baeten (A.), Willems, Van Dessel; Valkeborg; Mertens, Van Roosbroeck, Vermeyen, Goossens.

Barcelona: Ramallets; Pinto, Gracia; Verges, Garay, Gensana; Ribelles, Evaristo, Kocsis, Kubala, Villaverde.

Limerick 0, Young Boys 5
Young Boys 4, Limerick 2

Young Boys: Eich; Zahnd, Fluckiger; Schnyder, Schneiter, Fuhrer, Durr, Meier, Schneider, Rey, Allemann.

Limerick: Kelly; Clinton, Crawford; Butler, McCarthy, Fenton; O'Connor, Lynan, O'Reilly, Wallace, Petten.

IFK Helsinki 1, FK Malmo 3
FK Malmo 2, IFK Helsinki 1

Malmo: Christensson; Hansson, Borg; Dahl, Blomberg, Nilsson; Lundqvist, Ljung, Olafsson, Arlsson, Nordqvist.

Helsinki: Westerholm; Paernaenen, Haahti; Nevalainen, Lindman, Holmqvist; Ekman, Kankkonen, Rosqvist, Kvisto, Kivala.

Hearts 1, Benfica 2
Benfica 3, Hearts 0

Benfica: Pereira; Joamo, Sarieva; Neto, Cruz, Jose; Augusto, Santana, Aguas, Colonna, Cavem.

Hearts: Marshall; Kirk, Thomson; Cumming, Milne, Bowman; Young, Murray, Bauld, Blackwood, Smith.

SC Rapid 4, Besiktas 0
Besiktas 1, SC Rapid 0

Besiktas: Necmi; Bahaettin, Munir; Tuncay, Bahattin, Kaya; Arif, Nazmi, Ahmet, Birol, Senol.

Rapid: Zeman; Steur, Glechner; Zaglitsch, Hanappi, Bilek; Halla, Skocik, Wolfbauer, Flogel, Bertalan.

AGF Aarhus 3, Legia Warsaw 0
Legia Warsaw 1, AGF Aarhus 0

Legia: Foltyn; Szczepanski, Wozniak; Strzykalski, Grzymouski, Maslon; Gadecki, Brychczy, Novak, Zientara, Ciupa.

Aarhus: From; Christensen, Gundlef; Jensen (H.), Neilsen (H.C.), Olsen; Overbye, Andisen, Jensen (R.), Jensen (A.), Kjaer.

Fredrickstadt 4, Ajax 3
Ajax 0, Fredrickstadt 0

Ajax: Hoogerman; Van Mourik, Ouderland; Muller, Pronk, Schaaphok; Swart, Groot (H.), Groot (C.), Westra, Petersen.

Fredrickstadt: Mosgaard; Andreassen, Kristiansen; Mathiesen, Spydevold, Hansen (J.); Borgen, Johansen (T.), Kristofersen, Johansen (H.), Olsen.

● Real Madrid, Burnley, Hamburg SV, Panathinaikos, were all exempt until the second round.

Current Finnish League and Cup Champions

Back row (left to right): Markku Kumpulampi (outside right), Esko Malm (inside right), Eero Nieminen (centre forward), Veijo Valtonen (centre half), Keijo Airola (inside left), Juhani Peltonen (outside left). Front row (left to right): Aimo Pulkkinen (right half), Otli Mäkinen (right full back), Aarre Klinga (goalie), Antti Nieminen capt.), (left full back) and Pentti Niittymäki (left half).

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FINNISH CLUB'S DOUBLE

Jaakko Kahilia *writes about* **HAKA OF VALKEAKOSKI.**

HAKA of Valkeakoski this fall became the first ever Finnish soccer team to win both national league and cup titles in the same year.

They dropped only three points in their 22 league games, and were beaten only in their last league match on October 16. A week later the black-white Valkeakoski players took their third cup title by beating Rosenlewin Urheilijat-38 from Pori in the final. This was the sixth time the cup tournament had been played.

Haka come from the small Valkeakoski town in southern Finland. The place is famous for its large paper mills, led by J. Walden who is also the Chairman of the Finnish F.A. Never before have any team from such a small town won the league title.

Finland is much better known for its athletes, skiers and speedskaters, but interest in soccer is increasing and standard of the play rising. Finnish fans expect to see some results of the work done in international matches in a few years.

The First Division games are played between 12 teams on home and away basis from May to October. The three weakest elevens are relegated to the Second Division, which is divided into three groups each consisting of twelve teams.

In the nine groups of the Third Division there are 72 teams while 90 clubs are playing in the Fourth Division.

Coaching of the players has been started from the very bottom; e.g. everywhere in the country there are leagues for small boys in addition to the soccer schools and training camps arranged by the F.A.

The boys, all under 11, are playing in "European League", "English League", "European Cup", and in many other famous tournaments, while the names of the clubs are just as famous: Arsenal, Manchester United, Wolverhampton, Real Madrid, Atletico, Toulouse, Milan, Juventus, and many others.

In these well-organised boys' leagues are now 6,000 - 7,000 boys playing. It was no wonder Toulouse won the "European Cup" in Helsinki, for the team was coached by Aulis Rytkönen, Finland's brightest soccer star who a few months ago returned from France and the real Toulouse FC.

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THE ELEVEN BEST?

WHICH eleven players do you consider would form the best team in the world? My own particular views will certainly not meet with universal approval but are offered for your consideration. I have chosen my team without any discrimination whatsoever. I have not made my selections on the basis that the eleven men would be able to blend their individual temperaments and abilities into a world beating combination, but purely as eleven men, one from each position, who are currently considered to be at the peak of their profession.

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NILTON DOS SANTOS, 35 — Botafogo and Brazil

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JOSE SANTAMARIA, 29 — Real Madrid and Spain
ANTE ZANETIC, 24 — Hajduk Split and Yugoslavia

PELE, 20 — Santos FC and Brazil
FERENC PUSKAS, 33 — Real Madrid and Hungary

JULINHO, 31 — Palmeiras and Brazil
ALFREDO DI STEFANO, 34 — Real Madrid and Spain
FRANCISCO GENTO, 26 — Real Madrid and Spain

Goalkeepers are usually no problem when selecting a team. Keeping goal is an art in itself almost apart from the main theme of the game, but here the difficulties arise from there being too many claimants for the position.

Even so one name stands out among a host of fine 'keepers, Grosic of Hungary. Just as brilliant as any of his rivals in the business of saving shots aimed at his charge, Grosics has the edge on them all with his understanding of the game which enables him to leave his goal and by intercepting passes twenty or thirty yards out, he prevents many dangerous situations.

All the greatest 'keepers of the past have had this insight; the instinct that sends them out to cut off a ball that has torn their defence wide open. Not so spectacular as the last-second save but far more efficient than the flying leap to turn a shot away from goal.

Full back problems

Full backs are often difficult to find in any class of football. At school no one wants to play there and in later life the majority of people are obsessed with the idea that the ideal defender is a big strapping fellow. As a result, the crafty and calculating back is a rarity. Even so there are one or two talented players performing at full back.

Of the younger element the Yugoslav Jusufi must rank very highly, but at the present time he has stiff competition for a place among the greats. Bergmark of Sweden and Nilton Santos of Brazil are my choice. Unorthodox, elegant, strong but discreet, the Swede is noted for his placid approach and careful positioning while Nilton Santos is an eager and industrious player always anxious to be in the game, never slow to exploit an opening in midfield by moving up.

Centre backs are very often little more than spoilers. Many of them make no pretence to be anything else, yet while carrying out their defensive duties with ruthless efficiency there are several men in this position who merit attention, for their coolness under pressure and for their almost casual yet accurate distribution that enables defence to be turned into attack. Bellini of Brazil is one of these, but he has the advantage of playing in a system which demands that one wing half will always be in close attendance and life becomes considerably easier under these conditions. Garay of Spain is another who should be considered, but my vote goes to Santamaria of Real Madrid, Uruguay and Spain.

Wing halves there are in plenty: All sizes races and styles. The trend today is for wing halves to be workers spending rather more time in defence than attack, yet for me the masters will always be the more adventurous kind. Mercer of England and Bozsik of Hungary are two that spring readily to mind from the past, though at the moment I would take Verges (Spain) and Zanetic (Yugoslavia).

Talent in attack

The biggest problems lie in attack and it is here that most of the arguments will rage. A high proportion of the world's outstanding players perform in these positions and whoever is chosen there will be dissenting voices. At outside right alone there are many contenders. Kopa, Garrincha, Sandor, Hamrin and Rahn are all fine players and would certainly have a great many supporters for a place in a world eleven. My choice is based upon personal preference. I cannot in truth justify the line I have nominated, but there will be very few indeed who will deny the individual claims of Julinho, Pele, Di Stefano, Puskas and Gento.

In Pele, I have chosen the youngest player of my eleven for this best team of the world. Only just twenty he has ability that far outweighs his lack of experienced years. It is a tribute to him personally that he is included in the team because of his brilliance.

The other four forwards are well-known and undeniably worthy of selection.

Summing up, it will be noted that the above team has considerable emphasis on experience.

Without robbing the side of this quality at wing half where youth can be such an asset, the two players chosen in these positions have that blend of youth and experience which invariably proves decisive.

This is my choice.

I would be interested to hear from you the names of the players you consider would form the best team, giving your reasons for their individual selection.

Edson Arantes do Nascimento 20 year-old inside forward of Santos F.C. (Brazil), better known as Pele, is shown in characteristic manner outwitting two opponents.

Sheff. Wednesday's goalkeeper Ron Springett holds up his arms as a shot from Spurs' Bobby Smith, flashes by the post.

British fixtures for December

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1st
DIVISION II
Swansea T. v. Rotherham U.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd
DIVISION I
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DIVISION II
Charlton A. v. Derby C.; Huddersfield T. v. Brighton & H.A.; Lincoln C. v. Leeds U.; Luton T. v. Southampton; Norwich C. v. Leyton Orient; Plymouth Argyle v. Scunthorpe U.; Portsmouth v. Middlesbrough; Sheffield U. v. Bristol R.; Stoke C. v. Liverpool; Sunderland v. Ipswich T.

DIVISION III
Barnsley v. Bury; Bournemouth & B.A. v. Shrewsbury T.; Bradford C. v. Walsall; Bristol C. v. Watford; Colchester U. v. Southend U.; Coventry C. v. Brentford; Grimsby T. v. Port Vale; Hull C. v. Torquay U.; Notts C. v. Halifax T.; Q.P.R. v. Tranmere R.; Reading v. Swindon T.

DIVISION IV
Carlisle U. v. Aldershot; Crystal Palace v. Crewe Alexandra; Darlington v. York City; Doncaster R. v. Chester; Exeter C. v. Barrow; Hartlepools U. v. Workington; Mansfield T. v. Bradford; Peterborough U. v. Millwall; Rochdale v. Northampton T.; Southport v. Accrington Stanley; Stockport C. v. Gillingham; Wrexham v. Oldham A.

SCOTTISH DIVISION I
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SCOTTISH DIVISION II
Cowdenbeath v. Morton; Dumbarton v. Brechin C.; East Stirlingshire v. Arbroath; Forfar A. v. Falkirk; Hamilton Academicals v. Alloa A.; Montrose v. Queen's Park; Stenhousemuir v. Albion R.; Stirling A. v. East Fife; Stranraer v. Berwick R.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5th
DIVISION III
Newport C. v. Chesterfield.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th
DIVISION I
Arsenal v. Bolton W.; Birmingham C. v. Everton; Burnley v. Leicester C.; Cardiff C. v. Chelsea; Fulham v. Manchester U.; Manchester C. v. Wolverhampton W.; Newcastle U. v. West Ham U.; Nottingham F. v. Aston Villa; Preston N.E. v. Tottenham H.; Sheffield W. v. Blackburn R.; West Bromwich A. v. Blackpool.

DIVISION II
Brighton & Hove A. v. Sunderland; Bristol R. v. Stoke C.; Derby C. v. Sheffield U.; Ipswich T. v. Plymouth Argyle; Leeds U. v. Portsmouth; Leyton Orient v. Charlton A.; Liverpool v. Swansea T.; Middlesbrough v. Huddersfield T.; Rotherham U. v. Luton T.; Southampton v. Lincoln City.

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DIVISION IV
Accrington Stanley v. Darlington; Aldershot v. Rochdale; Barrow v. Peterborough U. Bradford v. Stockport C.; Chester v. Hartlepools U.; Crewe Alexandra v. Doncaster R.; Gillingham v. Exeter C.; Millwall v. Southport; Northampton T. v. Mansfield T.; Oldham A. v. Carlisle U.; Workington v. Wrexham; York C. v. Crystal Palace.

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SCOTTISH DIVISION II
Albion R. v. Queen of the South; Alloa A. v. Dumbarton; Berwick R. v. Forfar A.; Brechin C. v. Stirling A.; East Fife v. East Stirlingshire; Falkirk v. Cowdenbeath; Morton v. Montrose; Queen's Park v. Stenhousemuir; Stranraer v. Hamilton Academicals.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17th
DIVISION I
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DIVISION II
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DIVISION IV
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SCOTTISH DIVISION I
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SCOTTISH DIVISION II
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th
DIVISION I
Aston Villa v. Wolverhampton W.; Blackpool v. Blackburn R.; Bolton W. v. Leicester C.; Chelsea v. Manchester U.; Manchester C. v. Fulham; Newcastle U. v. Birmingham C.; Nottingham F. v. Preston N.E.; Sheffield W. v. Arsenal; Tottenham H. v. West Ham U.

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DIVISION III
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 26th
DIVISION I
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DIVISION II
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DIVISION IV
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27th
DIVISION I
Blackburn R. v. Blackpool; Everton v. Burnley; West Bromwich A. v. Cardiff C.

DIVISION II
Bristol R. v. Southampton; Ipswich T. v. Norwich C.; Leeds U. v. Derby C.; Plymouth A. v. Charlton A.; Portsmouth v. Swansea T.; Rotherham U. v. Liverpool; Sheffield U. v. Sunderland.

DIVISION III
Bournemouth & B.A. v. Reading; Hull C. v. Bradford C.; Notts C. v. Coventry C.; Q.P.R. v. Bristol C.; Shrewsbury T v. Chesterfield; Tranmere R. v. Port Vale; Watford v. Torquay U.

DIVISION IV
Aldershot v. Crewe Alexandra; Bradford v. Accrington Stanley; Carlisle U. v. Workington; Gillingham v. Millwall; Hartlepools U. v. Mansfield T.; Northampton T. v. York C.; Stockport C. v. Doncaster R.; Wrexham v. Rochdale.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31st
DIVISION I
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SCOTTISH REVIEW

by RAY FOOTMAN

FERNIE'S QUALITY HELPS CELTIC

THERE is little doubt the most successful transfer of the Scottish season was that in which manager Jimmy McGrory signed Willie Fernie from Middlesbrough back to Parkhead.

Celtic were assailed from all sides because, it was said, they carried too many youngsters, resulting in matches lost through inexperience.

While this is true enough up to a point, I think Jimmy is to be praised for his courage in sticking to his beliefs. He has some fine talent, the kind which could well take Celtic back to the top before very long.

Lack of experience in attack did sometimes cost points, largely through the newcomers being unable to exploit weaknesses in the opposing defence.

The arrival of Fernie altered all that. It was a case of putting a qualified player in a forward line of eager to learn youngsters.

Fernie joined Celtic from Kinglassie in 1949, and after winning a dozen caps, moved to Middlesbro' two years ago.

He did well enough at Ayresome Park, but he never made a secret of the fact that his heart was at Celtic Park.

Grasped it

When the chance to rejoin the Celts came along, Fernie grasped the opportunity.

He may be nearing the veteran stage, but there is no doubt he is just the man needed at Parkhead during the "settling in" stage of the future stars.

When I saw the Scottish team to meet Wales at Cardiff last month I feared the worst. It was amazing that the selectors omitted Graham Leggat and Dennis Law. The selection of Clyde's George Herd for the outside-right position was the biggest surprise, and a gamble which, I must say, did not come off.

Herd could move for a £40,000 plus fee any time — but only as an inside-forward, where he has given such fine service to Bully Wee, and Scotland.

Last season Falkirk used nine goalkeepers in their League programme. This season there has never been any question who should be between the sticks.

Manager Alex McCrae has given the job to 20-year-old Willie Whigham, who has quickly settled into the job. A former junior from Shotts Bon Accord, he has all the hallmarks of a young man who will get to the top. Already his work has attracted attention of senior clubs on both sides of the border, but I do not think he will be moving. Apart from anything else the Bairns' supporters would have something to say if he was allowed to go.

Another Falkirk player who is on the "wanted" list of many clubs is Eric Addison, their centre-forward. He is a young man who looks to have a good future, but once again I cannot see the player leaving Brockville Park. A return to Division I is the objective of all connected with the club, and they know they cannot attain this if they transfer their youngsters.

Most to do

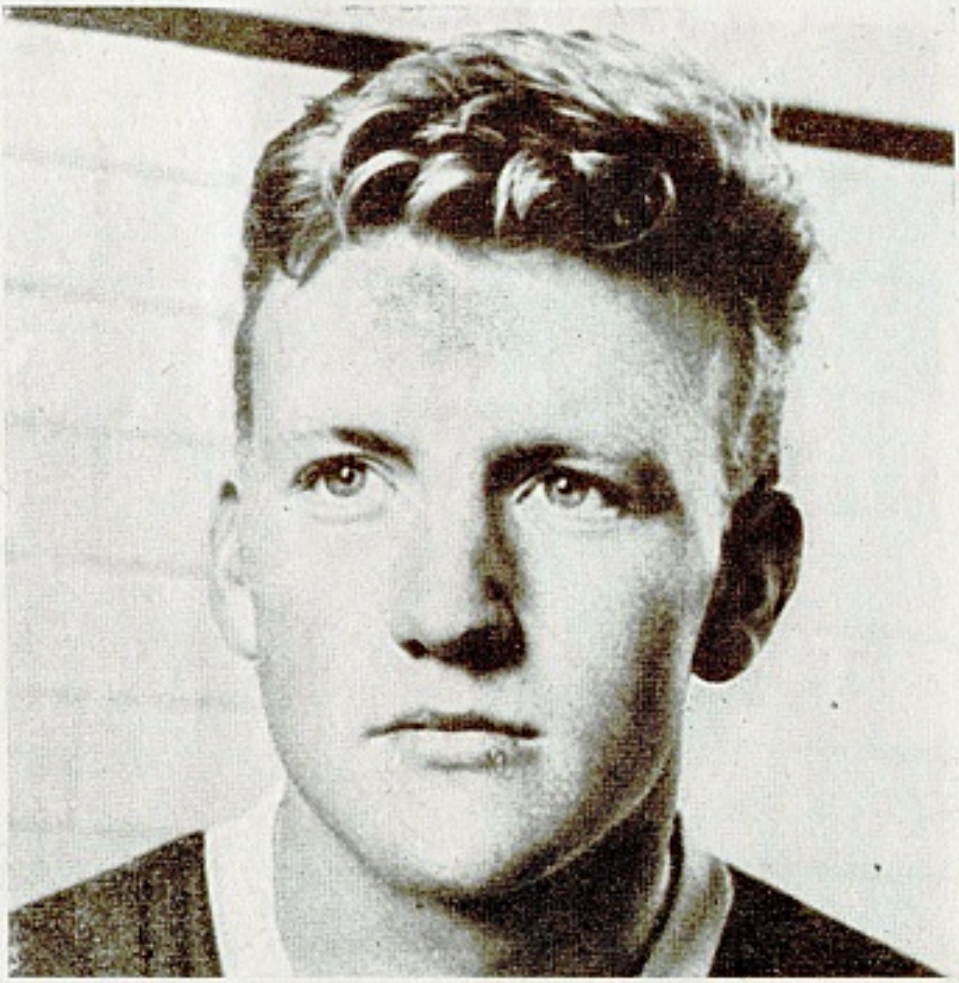
Peter Price, the boy who has most to do with Ayr's promotion success a couple of years ago, has struck a poor patch, and has been out of the first team. He asked for a move, but manager Jackie Cox couldn't afford to let him go.

However, that doesn't stop interested clubs from trying to get his signature.

Queen of the South, another side who are determined to win back into Division I, have run into form, and have made a smart capture in 19-year-old Archie Thomson, a left-half from Cumnock. This youngster first found the limelight when he was outstanding in Cumnock's Scottish Junior Cup run.

Kilmarnock's 0-2 defeat by Rangers in the final of the Scottish League Cup last month meant that the Rugby Park side have been runners-up in four tournaments since April — last season's Division I championship, the Scottish Cup, the American League Tournament, and now the League Cup.

Anglo-Scot who played for Scotland at Cardiff against Wales in October was Jimmy Gabriel (below) who developed with Dundee and crossed the border in March in exchange for a five figure fee. 20 years of age he has created a fine impression with his English club Everton as an attacking wing-half. (W.1).



The Editor of 'Soccer Star' magazine tells why club unit selection on the international front is not possible in Britain as it is in many of the continental countries

IT was a major breakthrough by the England national team manager Walter Winterbottom when he announced that the eleven who had so encouragingly dealt with Northern Ireland in Belfast at the beginning of October, would be retained for the next three internationals against Luxembourg, Spain and Wales.

The tall and Donnish Mr. Winterbottom, so unfairly the scapegoat of seven long, lean years in English football, was experiencing a personal satisfaction of having his principles of team construction appreciated to the exent of a trial run.

For the first time since the Munich tragedy, it looked as if he had succeeded in getting the right kind of team together — and he showed uncommon determination in wanting to keep them together.

One can understand why.

Since Munich and prior to the international against Ireland, a total of twenty-four matches against home and overseas sides were played, during which time no fewer than sixty-nine positional changes were made.

The positions which caused the selectors most trouble were, in order: outside-right, outside-left, inside-right, centre-forward and inside-left. Only in goal and at right half was there any semblance of consistency.

Quite obviously, this was taking the clarion cry of "English soccer needs to change with the times" much too seriously, even if out of context.

Yet it is still characteristic of the English organisation that Walter Winterbottom's record-breaking team (four internationals without change) should itself be drawn from ten different League clubs: Springett and Swan (Sheffield Wednesday), Armfield (Blackpool), McNeil (Middlesbrough), Robson (West Bromwich Albion), Flowers (Wolverhampton Wanderers), Douglas (Blackburn), Greaves (Chelsea), Smith (Tottenham), Haynes (Fulham) and Charlton (Manchester United).

At least, by keeping them together as the England XI, Mr. Winterbottom's unenviable task of attempting to ornament, govern and influence them would be made somewhat easier. But it is a fact that the ten different clubs in question each have their own peculiary idiosyncracies of training which have been assimulated faithfully by their players.

It is as if you were asked to assemble a racing car capable of holding a Cooper or Ferrari with your only equipment being ten highly individual and often incompatable machine parts from ten different racing stables. The long suffering mechanical mind of Walter Winterbottom would appear to have come a long way towards succeeding in this perilously uncertain job of work.

The philosophy of modern English football is such that players in the first two divisions (together with rare examples in the lower sections) receive equal pay for their contrasting roles, and it is not always necessary for them to seek out any special "glamour team" with a view to improving their financial state. Consequently, we discover men of outstanding ability stretched widely over the top divisions, the majority of whom must be watched and assessed prior to any international date.

It was a different parable before the war years and, indeed, nothing similar exists today in the vast majority of football-keen nations.

In the 20's and 30's, the incomparable Herbert Chapman gathered about him, via a healthy bank balance, some of the greatest players in the world, first at Huddersfield and then at Arsenal. As a consequence, both his League clubs became the undisputed masters of English football, and they provided rich, ready-knit, cohesive material for the selectors of the British elevens.

Spain's national eleven is composed chiefly from Real Madrid and Barcelona players. Last season, as many as seven or eight Barcelona players represented their country in a single international game. On the left, two of that club's capped wing-halves: Segarra and Gensana (Left).

The article on these pages discusses club unit selection. The picture on the right shows individual selection of a different nature: Brazil's Vava is mobbed by enthusiastic team-mates after he had scored against Russia in the 1958 World Cup. Their action resulted in his being carried off the field.

For the England v. Italy international in November, 1934, seven Arsenal men walked out in England's colours: Moss, Male, Hapgood, Copping, Bowden, Drake and Bastin. During the 1936-37 season, no fewer than thirteen of Arsenal's players were capped by their respective countries, and the selection of Alf Kirchen for England against Norway in May, 1937, brought the total to fourteen.

This sort of club representation on the international front is non existent in England today because of the prevailing system already mentioned.

It passed away on that grey November afternoon seven years ago when a Hungarian whirlwind descended on Wembley Stadium and England's pride-filled balloon was abruptly pricked. On that rare forgotten occasion, four men from Blackpool played together: Matthews, Taylor, Mortensen and Johnston.

1954 brought another brief glimpse of one-club selection when England fielded the Manchester United defence (Wood, Foulkes and Byrne) against Northern Ireland. But, inevitably, since then, Winterbottom's task has been a case of finding the men in form at the given moment, irrespective of club, club position or League status.

SIXTY-

Selecting an England side in club units is an opinion gathering some backing just now. The success of Tottenham Hotspur in the English First Division has prompted suggestions of "field the complete Spurs' team as the English League representative side", from which stemmed the subsidiary: "Why not a club side as England, too?" Alas, no one club of any note in England today is capable of fielding four truly worthy international players of one country, let alone the impossible total of eleven.

Manchester United's England international winger Bobby Charlton has gone on record as saying: "Selecting an England side in club units might not be the perfect answer, but it could be a compromise worth trying. One could start by selecting one or two stars who are outstanding on current form, and then complete the team with men who best fit in with them."

Arguments in favour of club unit selection are not wholly proven, despite the obvious advantage of having men who are already well used to each other's styles and who live together week after week under the same League pennant.

The majority of top nations do not adhere to a maximum wage policy. Just like Chapman in the 30's, so continental

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managers of the "glamour" sides can wave a cheque book in the face of adversity, Birth-rights, too, present no problem, when the discovery of a Spanish grandmother is good enough reason for the appearance of a naturalised South American in the national Spanish side.

With so many fat wasps buzzing around too few mid-European jam-jars, little wonder that Real Madrid and Barcelona supply, between them, the bulk of their country's international material. Last season, seven or eight Barcelona men played for Spain on the same day.

Between the period 1950-1956, the Hungarian national eleven was selected almost exclusively from the Honved and MTK clubs with Grosics, Lorant, Bozsik, Budai, Koesis, Puskas and Czibor from Honved and Geller, Lantos, Borzsei, Zakarias, Sandor, Hidegkuti and Palotas from MTK as the "regular brigade". The present Hungarian policy is to select their international side from four or five stock clubs: Honved, MTK, FTC, Ujpest and Vasas.

The Torino club was chosen en bloc on more than one occasion as the full Italian team until eight of their players perished in the Superga air crash in 1949. Germany's World Cup winning team of 1954 included five Kaiserslautern players.

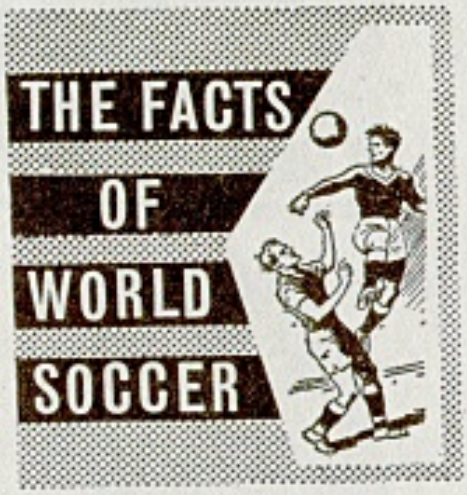
One can quote many similar examples of the effectiveness of club unit selection among continental countries.

England's selectors have hitherto searched deep into the cluttering folds of their Football League to extract a national side which has not always been a national **team.**

Retention of a nucleus of the same eleven — perhaps with luck and not a little daring — right through to the World Cup finals in 1962 would mean, in effect, that England plans to "force a team" in the only workable manner left open to her.

Spanish national manager Luis Miro said, after this England side had defeated his country 4-2 at Wembley: "England is always England; one of the best teams in the world."

This is presumption in my view. England is not a team in the true sense of the word. She still lacks the final touch of understanding, the acclimatization and cheeky confidence of some of her League teams — nevertheless, considering her oft criticised systems, her seemingly un-ending lean spell and her hitherto reluctance to try anything twice, she is at last planning for a bright, new future.



● THE CONCLUDING DETAILS

REP. OF IRELAND: Association formed in 1921. International colours: Green shirts, white shorts. 760 clubs, 1,079 teams, 345 professionals, 5,000 amateurs, 380 referees.

RUMANIA: Association formed in 1910. International colours: Red, yellow and blue. 3,100 clubs, 8,250 teams, 114,625 amateurs, 1,714 referees.

SCOTLAND: Association formed in 1873. International colours: Blue shirts, white shorts. 3,500 clubs, 7,000 teams, 3,500 clubs, 7,000 teams, 3,500 professionals, 15,000 amateurs, 300 referees.

SOUTH AFRICA: Amateur body formed in 1909. Professional body in 1959. 389 clubs, 551 teams, 10,000 amateurs, (number of professionals not known at press time), 400 referees.

SPAIN: Association formed in 1905. International colours: Red shirts, blue shorts. 2,107 clubs, 3,850 teams, 3,812 professionals, 32,328 amateurs, 781 referees.

SUDAN: Association formed in 1936. International colours: Green. 130 clubs, 250 teams, 5,000 amateurs, 40 referees.

SWEDEN: Association formed in 1900. International colours: Yellow shirts, blue shorts. 2,937 clubs, 6,795 teams, 150,000 amateurs, 3,378 referees.

SWITZERLAND: Association formed in 1895. International colours: Red shirts with white crosses, white shorts. 801 clubs, 2,077 teams, 450 professionals, 36,340 amateurs, 1,013 referees.

TURKEY: Association formed in 1923. International colours: Red and white striped shirts, white shorts. 952 clubs, 2,400 teams, 203 professionals, 32,637 amateurs, 515 referees.

URUGUAY: Association formed in 1900. International colours: Light blue shirts, black shorts. 600 clubs, 1,500 teams, 1,000 professionals, 17,500 amateurs, 600 referees.

U.S.A.: Association formed in 1931. International colours: White shirts, blue shorts. 3,000 clubs, 3,000 teams, 500 professionals, 50,000 amateurs, 1,000 referees.

U.S.S.R.: Association formed in 1912. International colours: Red shirts, white shorts. 80,000 teams, 1,200,000 amateurs, 12,000 referees.

WALES: Association formed in 1875. International colours: Red shirts, white shorts. 1,512 clubs, 3,000 teams, 800 professionals, 45,000 amateurs, 1,000 referees.

YUGOSLAVIA: Association formed in 1919. International colours: Blue shirts, white shorts. 1,426 clubs, 2,873 teams, 572 professionals, 54,491 amateurs, 1,416 referees.

the world of soccer

in which a celebrated international journalist and editor of the "International Football Book", talks about his recent travels.

by **STRATTON SMITH**

THE MATCH OF

"MATCH of the Year" — misused, sad label that it has so often proved — must surely be earned, one hopes, by Real Madrid's meeting of a Rest of Europe XI in Madrid on December 14.

Don Raimundo Saporta, the club's treasurer, and surely one of the game's finest administrative minds, broke the news to me of this match at his team's London hotel on their last visit.

It was Real's wish that the team be selected from clubs they met during their five years of European Cup success.

The friendship between Real and England's Manchester United is known the world over, and Senor Saporta suggested United manager Matt Busby as one of the three selectors.

The other two, he thought, should be Gustav Sebes, the presiding genius of that Honved of old, and Gabriel Hanot, chief writer of Paris's "L'Equipe", originator of the European Cup itself, and perhaps the world's most-quoted correspondent!

One cannot doubt, with Real in charge, that it will be one of football's really memorable occasions. Proceeds, expected to be at least £50,000, will go to charity, with deductions only for fees to the players.

Nowhere in the world have I enjoyed hospitality to rival that of Real Madrid, nor sensed so spacious an atmosphere. My first visit to Real was with Manchester United for the April, 1957, European Cup Semi-Final.

Senor Saporta flabbergasted us with the array of the club's trophies, the attractiveness and varied activities of its headquarters away from the great Estadio Bernabeu, featured by a pelota court.

Their interest in everyone's welfare and goodwill is almost overpowering. On a second visit with United, our bar at the Hotel Fenix was converted into a "Real Madrid Bar", and try and spend money there if you could!

With Wolves, who commendably managed a 2-2 draw there, we were again lavishly lunched and dined — and given free licence to enjoy a flamenco club of the first quality until, satiated with the colours of it all, our own tiredness dragged us away!

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Charlton is tops

Above all that, one has the sense of being a valued guest of a great, true and human institution, producing football of rarest quality.

Interesting to me was the nomination of Bobby Charlton as England's best player by Luxembourg's German coach, Robert Heinz.

He was given a similar high rating by Spain's Helenio Herrerra and Hungary's Lajos Baroti during England's Continental tour in May.

Matt Busby, in discussing Charlton's irrestible appeal to coaches abroad, summed it up for me in one word: "Flair!".

Charlton's collective equipment is probably unequalled in Britain, but what gives him the stamp of originality is this ability to explode, to **move** like a world-beater.

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Infected

Even British coaches, when working abroad, are infected by this deep respect for the "Explosif" quality. I well remember, a few years ago, Bill Gormley — then Belgium's national coach — explaining to me his methods of trying to produce "Explosif" from the phlegmatic Belgians.

Impossible, of course. The ability to accelerate and storm is genuinely something a player can only be born with. Which is why I have never lost faith in Charlton emerging as, perhaps, the No. 1 entertainer in British football today.

Should Real Madrid ever get their way (which is most unlikely) and sign Charlton, the Manchester United forward would be at home in Spain. Ljubisa Brocic, the Yugo-Slav coach to Barcelona, tells me Spanish players are easy to handle, and have a great enthusiasm for training, so long as it is with a ball.

Josef Hugi (Hugi II) centre forward of Basle FC and Switzerland seen left scoring one of his five goals in the recent Switzerland v. France match.

THE YEAR...

Charlton is of the same mind — "So long as he has a ball, he'll be out on the pitch all day if you let him," comments the United trainer, Jack Crompton. Indeed, English training methods have long been due for overhaul.

Alfredo di Stefano said he was "Appalled" when told that weight-training is part of the English club curriculum — but, in fairness, English winter playing conditions demand a rather special degree of strength and stamina!

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Unceasing attack

Nonetheless, the unceasing attack by most trainers on their players' physique probably stales more than it stimulates, and has always seemed to me out of proportion with the time devoted to skills and firming-up the players' mental attitude to the game.

Jesse Carver, now back coaching in Italy, where his record recommends his opinion, told me on a visit home that in most clubs there had been no variance, no improvement on pre-war methods, and he felt this to be a root evil of English football.

Brosie and Carver agree that handling foreign players is easy, because they really like to play football. Players themselves create the game, within broad principles laid down by the coach. The different motivations of British and foreign players would make an interesting analysis. Part of it, I'm sure, would be linked with training methods.

An indication of this came in the wise way that the Burnley manager, Harry Potts, handled the strange situation of discovering his team, England's European Cup entry, to be stale in the first month of the season!

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Finely-balanced

Unlike, for example, Wolves, Burnley are a team of finely-balanced tensions, in which it is essential that every member have joy and interest in the game. But after their close-season foray to America —"Not only the football", as Jimmy McIlroy says "but the hotels and travelling conditions"—they began the new season with leaden feet.

The weight of mid-week football did not help. Mr. Potts sensibly called a team meeting, to try and salvage the position.

The manager himself felt that Burnley's form would improve when they had a rest from mid-week games. After talks with his team, he went further: He told senior players that they were responsible and experienced enough to decide their own level of training, and the manner in which they did it.

It is worth noting that in the following four matches Burnley scored 20 goals, and were quickly restored to their rightful position among the First Division leaders. Good, confident form to be showing as their European Cup ties against Reims approaches!

... REAL MADRID AGAINST THE REST OF EUROPE — THIS MONTH!

THE WORLD'S FASTEST WINGER?
(see caption below.)

(Right): Francisco Gento, Real Madrid's outside-left, who is generally accepted by many experts as the fastest left-winger in the business. Born in Madrid twenty-six years ago, Gento (pronounced "Hento") has more than twenty caps for his country. Real Madrid has been his only professional club.

Blanchflower giant of Ireland's Imps

by Jack Rollin

Danny boy himself (right), who has developed into a witty, informative and entertaining authority on the world's pitches and in the world's press.

OF the more experienced players in the British Isles, Danny Blanchflower of Spurs and Ireland fame is perhaps the most famous. He is an outstanding personality and a brilliant and intelligent player. Belfast born and reared, he has emerged in recent years as not only one of the leading lights behind the Tottenham revival, but also as a witty, informative and highly entertaining authority on the game.

Through the medium of press, television and radio he has expressed series views with a humorous touch that makes him very acceptable to his audience. As you might expect from someone who hails from the Emerald Isle, he has kissed the Blarney Stone with a vengeance.

One thing is certain, when he finally decides to retire he will not be lost to the game. Exactly what he will do in football when that time comes is not certain, but he will be a distinct asset whatever he turns his hand to in the game.

Born into a footballing family on February 10, 1926, he was christened Robert Dennis and presumably that is why he has been called Danny ever since.

He first came into prominence as a schoolboy footballer with a team called Rovenscroft P.E.S. A versatile player, he turned out in every position for the club including a stint between the sticks. A poor side in the playing sense, Rovenscroft and Danny often found themselves on the wrong end of some decisive beatings. Doubly unfortunate for him was the fact that he received the worst of things as goalkeeper. But it was excellent training for the character, a quality which Danny abounds with.

Actually, Danny Blanchflower could not have been such a bad performer in goal for afterwards he played for Belfast Technical School as such during the 1939-40 season at the beginning of the war. About this time, too, he joined a junior side Connsbrook and then played for Bloomfield United with a friend. This latter team was one he formed with the assistance of colleagues.

Danny was growing up and in wartime this was the signal for service life to catch up with him. He joined the R.A.F. and spent some time in Scotland at St. Andrews University. As varied a performer as he was on the soccer field, his talents found further outlet in other sports at which he excelled in typical fashion. A short spell in Canada followed until he returned to Ireland for Christmas 1945.

He played for Glentoran Reserves against Ards and impressed local officials who expressed interest in his soccer future, but he was unable to avail himself of any offer because of the ties of uniform.

Shipped over to England he "guested" for Swindon Town but at last signed for Glentoran in May, 1946, having established himself as a wing half by this time.

Representative honours for the Irish League quickly attended his efforts for the club. He was freely talked of as a future international. With the drift to England of the best of the Irish players, it seemed only a matter of months before Danny was persuaded to join the flock. When he did eventually move across the sea it was to Yorkshire and Barnsley.

That was in April, 1949, and he was able to appear in one League game for the Colliers before the end of the season. Second Division football it might have been, but Danny's ability did not pass unnoticed.

In October of the same year he was selected to play for Ireland against Scotland on his native soil. It was a far from happy debut. The Scots won 8-2. But Danny was undismayed. He returned to play just as well for his club and soon attracted the attention of other clubs.

Aston Villa secured him in March, 1951; the fee having been too high for modest Barnsley to resist. His international career was furthered in the company of First Division football. Danny was a fine right half. When Villa found a gap at inside forward that early training as an all-rounder and the mastery he had acquired as a player since, enabled him to play at inside forward equally as well.

Naturally he was still required by many clubs. In particular, Spurs were anxious to strengthen their side and after a period of three months' tentative negotiations, the London side signed him in December, 1954, at a fee reported to be £30,000. The money was wisely spent since Spurs managed to retain their First Division status.

Generally speaking the association between Spurs and Danny Blanchflower has been a highly successful one, but there have been occasions when all has not been in harmony. There was a time when, following a difference of opinion with the management, Danny resigned the captaincy of the club. He has been dropped from the first team, too. Yet there is little doubt that he has played his best football with the Tottenham club.

As captain of Ireland he has figured in the revival of that country's international position. In November, 1957, came his greatest moment. He led Ireland to victory over England at Wembley and with his colleagues was carried off shoulder high by enthusiastic supporters after the Irishmen had beaten England for the first time ever at Wembley.

In 1957-8 season he was voted England's "Footballer of the Year" and in the World Cup competition that followed in Sweden, was hailed as a "most outstanding player".

As an attacking wing half he has few, if any, mentors. Tactically and strategically he cannot be faulted. At the moment he is playing exceptionally well and looks a good deal younger than he is; a tribute to his fitness. A really cultured player he is a delight to watch.

The day is not too distant when he will have reached his 500th League appearance and his 50th cap for Ireland. ●

Shelbourne look good for Eire title

EIRE REPORT by TOM MULDOWNEY

WITH three trophies already decided and a fourth at the final stage, the opening three months of the Eire soccer season has indeed been a busy period.

Now the fight for the League Championship, the competition which provides the chief source of supply for Eire's soccer-minded public, has commenced.

Limerick defending the Championship, won last season for the first time, are not playing up to their 1959 form. But now that their European Cup commitments are over, Ex-Blackpool star, Ewan Fenton is hoping for some improvements. The former Charlton Athletic wing half, Gerry McCarthy has settled down in the centre half position, and brought confidence to their rather hesitant defence. Up front, the goals are not coming and it is in this section that player-coach Fenton faces his biggest problems.

Shelbourne, team of teenage tearaways, are regarded by many as likely champions: Good reason here for such optimism. Already holders of both the Eire F.A. Cup, and the President's Cup, the "Reds" are playing fast, direct football. Eric Barber has blossomed into a fine leader while at inside right in Paddy Turner they have the find of the season. This blonde bombshell, discarded by Shamrock Rovers, has hit a purple patch, scoring in every game.

A creaking defence, which at times cracks open, is the big headache down Ringsend way. Once that is sealed up, the sky is the limit for the team with the largest following in Eire.

Richmond Park has at long last been passed as suitable for league football, and St. Patricks Athletic have ended their long exile of playing "home" games away. They now possess home advantage in addition to a fine away reputation.

In Ronnie Whelan they have one of the cleverest inside forwards in the game and their all action centre forward Tim McGeehan is a ninety minute problem for any centre half.

The famous Shamrock Rovers are down in the doldrums. The loss of Liam Tuohy to Newcastle has unbalanced the forward line. The "hoops" will be back, but not this year.

Paddy Coad, home in his native Waterford after his fantastic success with Shamrock Rovers, hopes to do as much for the Blues. Knowing Paddy, I think he will. Although slower than of yore his presence on the field is helping his young side to find their feet.

The dark horse of the League race could well be Transport. This big hearted little club, achieves success all too seldom. Now under the guiding hand of popular ex-Ipswich Town winger Joe O'Brien, the "busmen" are showing signs of being a match for the best.

As the League title carries with it the right of entry into the European Cup, the battle for precious points should enliven the months ahead, giving the fans plenty to talk about during the winter evenings.

The Secretary of the Eire Football Association, Mr. Joe Wyckham, certainly gets around. After watching the Wales-Scotland International, at Cardiff, he travelled to Belfast to see N. Ireland engage West Germany in the World Cup. While at Windsor Park he mixed business with pleasure and invited the West German party to visit the southern capital before the end of the season.

The Green shirted Irishmen would benefit from an outing before their World Cup, Hampden Park meeting with Scotland scheduled for May 3, 1961. The return is in Dublin four days later. This is the first ever Scots - Eire International, although they are meeting regularly at league level.

As a preparation for this game, it has been suggested that an Eire "B" side should meet a League of Ireland selection. While there is a definite need to "blood" Ireland's future stars, I fail to see how a league eleven would be a real test for potential internationals.

Recently an England "B" fixture almost fell through because their foreign opponents were unable to travel. A hastily assembled Danish amateur eleven filled the bill, but were no match for young England.

TEAM-WORK COUNTS

NORTHERN IRELAND by M. DEVLIN

AT international level the present Northern Ireland team commands a certain amount of respect — especially among the continentals — mainly as a result of their fine displays in the 1958 World Cup series. This state of affairs will probably continue to exist for some time, due to the fact that playing in English League football at the moment are quite a few outstanding Northern Ireland youngsters. I have in mind in particular—Nicholson (Manchester United), Elder (Burnley) and Harvey (Sunderland).

With their limited resources the Irish selectors have little scope for making changes. Their choice is confined to fifteen or sixteen players. This, I think, was a contributory factor in the success of the Irish team in Sweden. Their most outstanding asset was team work. There were certainly weak links on the team — in at least three positions — but with a thorough knowledge of one another's play and with Peter Doherty's tactical genius, the last ounce was extracted from all of them.

At home, however, it is doubtful if the overall standard of football has ever been as low. It is a long time since there has been such a complete absence of personalities in the game here. With the departure of Jackie Milburn from Linfield, one can only think of Jimmy Jones (Glenavon and Wilbur Cush (Portadown) as likely to give the fans something to cheer about. These two are veterans and in a few seasons they, too, will be absent.

What of the up and coming youngsters? Here it is the old problem all over again. Take the case of Glenavon. In the last few seasons Jimmy McAlinden has produced more potential young stars than any other Northern Ireland manager. But what happens? In spite of an unprecedented run of successes, Glenavon find themselves in financial difficulties and Jack McClelland and Fred Clark go to Arsenal for a total fee of £10,000 — and McClelland is now an international. I have no doubt that in two year's time they would be worth three times that amount.

The club had no option but to sell. I have always been puzzled by the lack of support afforded to the Lurgan team. In recent years they have depended on their home fixtures against Linfield and Glentoran to make ends meet. Unfortunately, of late, both these teams have lost a lot of their appeal.

Glenavon are certainly not the worst-off club, financially. Derry City's cash receipts have dropped by 25% on last season and this is a club who have been struggling for years.

Cliftonville, the only senior amateur team in the country, are also going through a very bad spell. With such a scarcity of talent all over they have the greatest difficulty in holding on to any likely prospect. There have been suggestions that they should turn professional. I cannot see this happening nor can I see the point of it. Turning professional would bring no guarantee.

Uwe Seeler breaks through for West Germany between the Irish defenders Tommy Forde and Dick Keith (no. 2) (Above). This Hamburg centre forward scored once and made a big contribution to the Germans' 4-3 win at Windsor Park, Belfast, in the World Cup qualifying round tie.

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A QUICK LOOK

BRAZIL. Rio de Janeiro is now in a state of turmoil, with the first "Festival of Rio" in full swing. Artistic cultural and industrial exhibitions, fireworks, processions — the lot, but the man responsible for its organisation, Senor Medina is a very disappointed man. Highlight of his programme was to be a football match at the Maracana Stadium, and the team he wanted was Real Madrid. That he really was eager can be judged from the offer made to the Spanish club: 100,000 dollars (around £45,000), all expenses paid, including the use of a special trans-Atlantic jet liner, and the opportunity to name their opponents!

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CHILE. With the task of staging a World Cup in less than two years, the Chileans are now extremely busy. One of the biggest tasks is to rebuild the Stadio Nacional in Santiago which at present can accommodate only 40,000 people. Work is about to commence that will provide a new 100,000 capacity "palace" for the staging of the final.

FIFA recently sent a cheque for £3,000 to the Chile FA to assist in the preparations which were severely curtailed by the earthquakes to which the country was subjected early in the year, and in addition have announced that 1% of all gate receipts from the series will be handed to charities that are helping tremor victims.

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COLOMBIA. The 1961 South American championship, originally scheduled to take place in Bolivia has now been transferred to Bogota. The FA of Bolivia do not feel that they have the necessary experience or facilities to stage the series in La Paz, and have agreed to the transfer of responsibility to Colombia. Very few people in South America will be disappointed at this news for La Paz is one of the highest capital cities in the world, and so rare is the atmosphere that foreign players have trouble in walking about, much less running, and very few visiting teams have won there.

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FRANCE. While most people in England expect that Stanley Matthews, C.B.E., will be honoured with a knighthood when he retires from that active side of the game, the French Football Federation want Roger Marche to be awarded the Legion d'honneur while he is still playing. The FFF have made an approach to their government on these lines, and the award will be approved by the whole of France if the suggestion is acted upon. 36 years-old the "old war horse" has retired from international football after 61 appearances, but is still a tower of strength in the Racing rearguard.

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GREECE. With only a few weeks to go before Greece's big World Cup test v. West Germany, the FA has suddenly found themselves without a coach for their national team. 60 year-old Paul Baron — a Frenchman, had the job until he resigned recently and the Greeks are up in arms about it. Already an approach has been made to FIFA, and legal action has been threatened.

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ITALY. Two fine goalkeepers are fighting for the number one place in the national team, and the choice which the selectors must make will not be easy. One of them is Lorenzo Buffon who played for AC Milan until they signed Giorgio Ghezzi from Genoa. The other man? Yes, Ghezzi!

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JAPAN. The Japanese Olympic Committee is for the first time concerning itself with the preparation of the athletes and footballers for the Games which they will stage at Tokyo in 1964. To raise funds for training facilities, etc., "Pools" are being organised based upon the results of their own baseball and football matches.

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RUSSIA. The 1961 FIFA International Youth Tournament will be held in Portugal, and for the very first time Russia will send a team to take part in the series.

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SPAIN. Yanko Daucik — the son of the Czech player Ferdinand who earned fame as the manager of Barcelona, Bilbao and Atletico Madrid is now turning out at centre forward for Real Betis and is considered very promising. His father is now "boss" of Betis (Sevilla), after a spell in Portugal.

Another son of a famous

HUNGARY FACTS

WE always endeavour to achieve complete accuracy when giving facts and figures but readers will appreciate that we are often in the hands of correspondents from far and wide. We therefore feel bound to record that the figures quoted concerning loss of Hungarian lives in our article "All Change in Hungarian Soccer" (WORLD SOCCER, November edition), were exaggerated. Mr. Lawrence Kirwan, of the Hungarian News and Information Service informs us that "The total of **all** Hungarian deaths in the 1956 fighting is estimated at about 2,700 of which 2,195 were officially registered, the remainder being unregistered deaths discovered later. The number injured was nearly 20,000".

AT THE WORLD

father is making a name for himself with newly promoted first division club Mallorca. 24 year-old Ricardo Zamora has already convinced many fans that he will eventually be as good as his father. Fifteen years ago his father was reputed to be the best ever, and in the Latin corners of the world he is still remembered. Testimony to his brilliance is the fact that quite a few young guardians have found themselves tagged "Zamora" after a good performance between the posts. It now seems almost certain that we have seen the last of Ladislav Kubala, Barcelona's great inside forward. During the summer 33 year-old Kubala announced that he would play for one more season before seeking a coaching appointment, but hardly had the season opened than he is out of action. The trouble is a hernia, which the doctors say requires an operation, followed by almost a year of inactivity.

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SWEDEN. For their World Cup clash with Belgium, the Swedes wanted to borrow inside left Bengt Lindskog from Inter (Milan), but although the Italian clubs "loaned" several players for the 1958 series, they said no this time. Toulouse (France) and Real Madrid were much more co-operative however and released inside forward Ingve Brodd and centre forward Agne Simonsson.

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TURKEY. Fenerbahce (Istanbul) have aproached top clubs in Greece, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Rumania with a suggestion for a new competition — The Balkans Cup. A year ago this would have received an enthusiastic response but after the recent UEFA meeting at Geneva, it is doubtful whether the official body will give their blessing even if agreement can be reached between the clubs. Two well-known Turkish internationals are in jail. Forgetting to report for duty in the Army on the day appointed for their call up, Can (Fenerbahce) and Metin (Galatasaray) will have plenty of time to regret their poor memories, for each of them is doing 100 days!

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YUGOSLAVIA. During the past two seasons Yugoslavia's national XI has not seemed quite the same without Red Star 'keeper Vladimir Beara. Now after losing his place in the club team, Beara has decided to retire, and two other well known players have followed his example, Zekovic and Spajic. Acrobatic Beara — the man in black was for nearly ten years one of the world's outstanding players. Todor Veselinovic — the leading goalgetter in the last Yugoslav season has now scored more official goals than anyone else in the history of the game in his country. The old record holder was one of the greats — Stefan Bobek with a tally of 131, but before Veselinovic is finished the tally will be close to 200, for at 28 he has a good few years at the top left in him, with his club Vojvoidina (Novi Sad).

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PARAGUAY. This large country, by European standards at least, has a population of over 1½ millions and the vast majority of the inhabitants are descendents from the Guarani Indians who occupied the country prior to the Spanish conquest. The country is in a poor state with little industry but despite this disadvantage Paraguay has done quite well in the international competitions but since their elimination of Uruguay in the 1958 World Cup they have been all but stripped of their best players. Olimpia (Asunscion) is the strongest of the Paraguayan clubs followed by Cerro and Guarani, but the 250,000 people who live in the capital cannot support more than an eight club national league and even these clubs eke out a precarious existence.

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UNITED STATES. Plans for expanding the U.S. International Soccer League from 12 to 16 teams for its second season next May have been detailed by the founder, William D. Cox.

In the 1961 schedule to begin in mid-May, Cox said that the league's two sections could play 11 dates, including eight double-headers (two games for the price of one) and three single games, with Sunday afternoons given preference over Saturday night fixtures.

"Kilmarnock, of Scotland, has been invited to return," said Mr. Cox.

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Edited by BILL LUSCOMBE

Bobby Charlton's Book of Soccer by Bobby Charlton (Illus. 12s. 6d. net). Cassell & Co. Ltd., 35, Red Lion Square, London, W.C.1.

THE fame of young Bobby Charlton, Manchester United's England winger, is known the world over. The men of Spain, Hungary and Yugoslavia have all rated him as the greatest contribution towards the apparent England international revival.

It is possible that, since the Munich plane disaster in which so many of Charlton's team-pals perished and from which he himself miraculously survived, more words have been written about this modest young man than any of his contemporaries.

It comes as a happy change to see Charlton put his own story into words (and pictures) in this big-size publication. And he has plenty to say apart from the obvious inclusion of his home-life and school-days. **P.B.**

International Football Book No. 2 (Illus. 12s. 6d. net). Souvenir Press Ltd., 34 Bloomsbury Street, London, W.C.1.

THE second issue in this annual is even more interesting than the first one. Again edited by that well-known authority on the game on a universal scale, Stratton Smith, it includes absorbing articles by such personalities as Matt Busby, Alfredo di Stefano, Danny Blanchflower, Tom Finney, Agne Simonsson and Brian Glanville amongst many others.

Lavishly illustrated practically every aspect of soccer throughout the world is discussed in a factual yet intensely appealing manner.

The main features include a salute to Stanley Matthews, five leading names are presented "Talking Football", the "European Cup" is analysed, twenty of the leading players in the world are portrayed in words and picture, and the individual views of star players on topics of the moment.

Already the International Football Book has set itself a high standard and will be eagerly digested by the soccer public. **J.R.**

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Spurs v. Real Madrid might have been great

by MAURICE WEEDON

NEGOTIATIONS for a match between England's Tottenham Hotspur and Spain's Real Madrid appear to have subsided. A pity. Enthusiasts from both countries were eagerly anticipating such a royal battle.

Had this football feast taken place, I would have taken Spurs to win not simply because of their home advantage or their record-breaking run in the English League; but primarily because their almost cheeky confidence and their artistically penetrating style could unsettle the Spaniards who themselves are experiencing some disturbances on international and club levels.

"Push-and-run"

When Arthur Rowe assumed command of Spurs in 1949, he introduced the now popular "push-and-run" style in which players were drilled not to retain the ball overlong and to take up, in a pre-conceived manner, vital positions in the open spaces.

Since this time, Spurs have gradually and noticeably improved. They won promotion into the First Division in 1950 and the following season, won the top title with 60 points, highest total for twenty years.

As with all tactical plans, opposing clubs are quick to introduce ideas to combat them, and this happened in succeeding years when Spurs, adhering rigidly to their principles, refused to be ruffled despite lean spells.

Via Jimmy Anderson and currently Billy Nicholson, the Spurs marched on. The introduction of the "old school" of centre-forward, Bobby Smith, has been cleverly done. Smith blends surprisingly well with his more eloquent colleagues.

I am not underestimating the might of Real Madrid. Hailed as the "greatest club side of them all", this League of Nations eleven are indefatigable but not quite infallable. Reading deep into some of their recent League performances, I do not think they will again march off with the European Cup, neither do I think they would have managed to overcome the oh-so-persistent Tottenham had the two clubs met at Wembley (as was earlier suggested) or at White Hart Lane.

Compatible styles

Both have compatible styles, and I consider Spurs, on average, have more to put up with week after week in the English League's bustling, relentless programme that Madrid do in their division.

RAY POINTER

(Burnley, England)

BOOK CASE

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Topical Times Football Book No. 2 (Illus. 8s. 6d. net). D. C. Thomson & Co. Ltd., Dundee, Glasgow, Manchester.

THE publishers of this bright Annual — the second of a new series — understand well the requirement of the young football fan. They are also the publishers of one of the oldest and largest chain of boys' papers in this country.

Consequently, they have assembled together between two covers, a mass of information from the world of football, including articles by star players, a host of photographs and drawings, quizzes and tables.

Among the more enterprising contributions is "The Secret Symbols of Walter Winterbottom" in which the reader is allowed to peek over the England team manager's shoulder to find out how he selects, assesses, judges and ornaments an England team. Enthusiasts of the world game will delight in the pages of world club pennants, in full colour. They include the badges and designs of Dukla Prague, Racing Club de Paris, Real Madrid, Barcelona and Botafogo.

The story of Chelsea's England international forward Jimmy Greaves is given in strip form and the artist has cleverly captured the expressions, moods and moments of Stamford Bridge. Great fun to read. **J.H.**

"Billy Wright's Book of Soccer — No. 3 by Billy Wright (130 Illus., 12s. 6d. net.) Stanley Paul and Co. Ltd., 178-202, Great Portland Street, London, W.1.

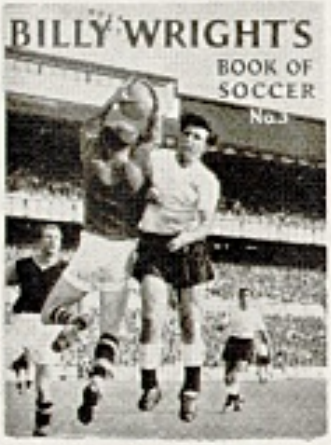
FOOTBALL, as Billy Wright says in his introductory article, has always been and will always be a game to be enjoyed. Most readers of **World Soccer** will readily agree with him. Billy maintains that you cannot really compare South American footballers with those from Britain. They play an entirely different style of game because of the conditions under which they stage their matches. But, Billy admits, many of the South American and Continental stars can now outshine the British players as **individuals.** And it is

as individual footballers, anxious to acquire complete mastery of the ball, that young British players must set their sights if they are to become equals of Pele, Didi, Puskas and Di Stefano The Continentals work with the ball, says Billy, and any youngster wanting to improve his standard of play must concentrate on **skill.**

He quotes Barcelona as a team that made a great impression on British followers of the game last season, stressing, by the way, that they are hardly a **club** side by British standards as they recruit their players from all parts of Europe and South America.

Jimmy McIlroy, the popular Burnley and Irish international, tells how he is happy at inside forward because in that position a player has to co-ordinate brain work with foot work and **think** all the time. Fitness, stamina and a mental awareness of situations that can develop in a second are essential qualities that make for success. McIlroy names Peter Doherty as one of the greatest inside forwards of his time, having the rare combination of a "grafting" type of player and a "poacher". Among the best schemers he names Ernie Taylor and Jimmy Hagan, present-day manager of Peterborough.

Billy Wright's Book of Soccer is a feast of good soccer reading. Apart from the articles I have mentioned Tom Finney, Dave Mackay, Joe Baker, Don Revie and Ken Taylor contribute their views on various aspects of the game, while Billy has a feature on "World Class Footballers" and tells us **why** they're great players. **T.J.**



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"It's the wrong stadium, fool!"
—SPAIN

GOOD POLICY

YOUR ambitious policy of attempting to present each month's global activity is to be encouraged, and it was pleasing to note that the second edition reached out over a wider field than the first. Might I suggest that at some not too distant future you will include the full league tables from the various nations, instead of, at present, the top six only. — **TONY DELWORTH, Belvedere-st., Auckland, New Zealand.**

MORE DATES

WHILST I applaud your venture and presentation in World Soccer I would like to see your international diary giving a much wider range of matches without omitting the English fixtures which appear now. They will be viewed with great interest by people like me in other countries. — **BILL DEVESON, Burbank, California, U.S.A.**

DOUBLE UP

YOUR World Round-up I liked. Could you possibly increase it to a page or even two as there are many points that would be of interest from the ninety odd countries in the world that play soccer. Even at the expense of another less absorbing feature like the players' photo parade. — **J. SORENSSEN, Munchsgt. 5, Oslo, Norway.**

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

I WOULD like to see your magazine form an international soccer club for the purpose of exchanging news, views, programmes, periodicals and ideas between soccer fans from all parts of the world. I know this would be well received. — **JOHN WING, Melbourne, Australia.**

HAPPY RATIO

PICTURE books on the football world are abundant in almost any country you might care to mention. I have seen many of them and whilst the pictures are entertaining, the writing material is of an inferior quality. That is why I am writing to explain to you my pleasure at your giving readers a wealth of most interesting information to digest. You have struck a happy ratio of words and pictures and I hope you will continue this trend. — **RICHARD TALBOT, Keerom-st., Cape Town, South Africa.**

LEAGUE FIXTURES

OBVIOUSLY since your magazine originated in England and appeals to a readership in it, the complete fixtures for English and Scottish games is essential, but at the same time I would like to see the top league games in France, Spain, Hungary, Brazil and other places listed in the same manner. — **C. L. BOURST, Zurich, Switzerland.**

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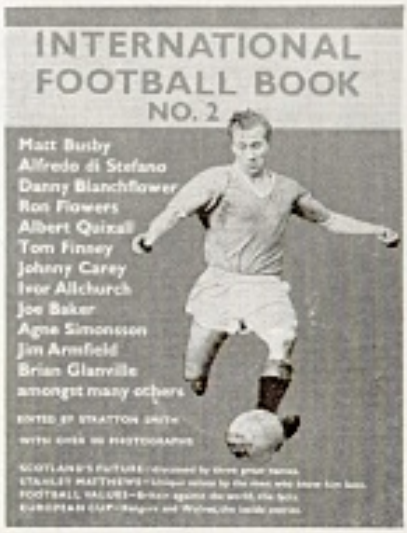

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